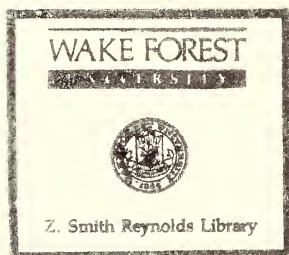


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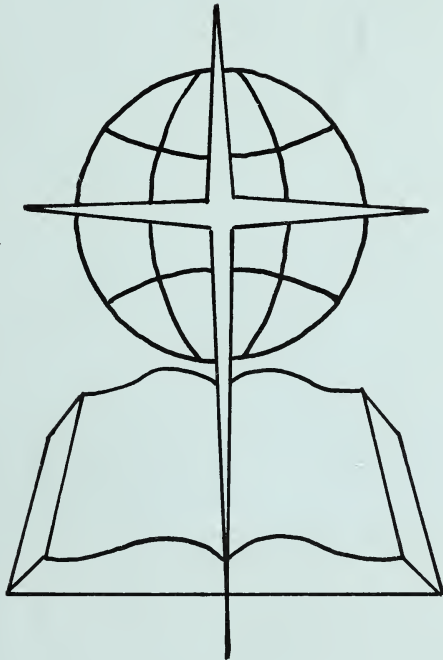
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of the
STONY FORK MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
NORTH CAROLINA
1985**

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With
Long Ridge Baptist Church
August 9, 1985

and with

Mt. Ephriam Baptist Church
August 10, 1985

Next session will be held with Rock Spring Baptist Church on August 8, 1986 and the second day with Sandy Flat Baptist Church on August 9, 1986.

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1986 125th SESSION

FRIDAY MORING SESSION, AUGUST 8, 1986
ROCK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order	J.R. Robbins
9:15	Song	Congregation
9:30	Adoption of Program	
9:35	Roll Call	Linda Mills
9:40	Recognition of New Pastors and Workers	Moderator
9:45	Evangelism	Archie Clawson
10:00	Copperative Program	Pauline Eldreth
10:15	Home Missions	Doris Tester
10:30	State Mission	Roetta Hollifield
10:45	Foreign Missions	Scott Church
11:15	Hospital Report	Jill Triplett
11:30	Annual Message	Scott Church
	Benediction and Lunch	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:10	Song	Congregation
1:15	Devotional	
1:25	Christian Education	Edith Gryder
1:45	Training Union	Charles Craig
2:00	Stewardship	Roy Gryder
2:10	Baptist Foundation	Dale Luttrell
2:25	Discussion	
2:30	Adjourn	

SATURDAY MORING SESSION, AUGUST 9, 1986
SANDY FLAT BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order	Moderator
9:05	Song	Congregation
9:10	Devotional	
9:20	Roll Call	Linda Mills
9:30	WMU Report	Eunice Luttrell
9:40	Temperance and Morals	Ed Greene
	Christian Action League	
10:15	Vacation Bible School	Barbara West
10:25	Finance Report	Eunice Luttrell
10:35	Home for the Aging	Mamie Craig
10:50	Children's Home	Carol Moody
11:00	Sunday School	Mrs. Archie Clawson

11:15	Annual Message	Max West
12:00	Executive Report	Moderator
12:10	Resolutions	Nellie Coffey and Bonnie Walsh
12:15	Obituaries	Irene Dula
12:20	Election of Officers	
	Benediction and Lunch	

Times are approximate and speakers will be added where needed before the annual meeting if the clerk is notified and a program will be available at the time of the annual meeting.

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Scott Church

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Eunice Luttrell

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Pastors of each church

REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Resolutions	Nellie Coffey - Bonnie Walsh
Evangelism	Archie Clawson
Cooperative Program	Pauline Eldreth
Home Missions	Doris Tester
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Obits	Irene Dula

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 Charles Craig
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 J.R. Robbins

The Association P.O. Box number is 1804 if you need to get in touch with anyone in the Association.

PROCEEDINGS

On August 9, 1985, the Stony Fork Baptist Association annual meeting was called to order by the moderator, J.R. Robbins who welcomed everyone to Long Ridge Baptist Church and invited all to take part in the 124 annual meeting.

The congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight" and the devotion was conducted by Rev. Archie Clawson who read 2 Timothy 3:16 and 4:1-5. Prayer was also led by Rev. Clawson.

The program was adopted with changes to be made as need.

There were 8 churches represented on the first day.

Rev. Scott Church from Rock Spring was recognized as a new pastor in the association.

The Following reports were moved for adoption and approved after being read.

EVANGELISM REPORT 1985

We are told that only three percent of all the lost people come to our churches on their own. This means that 97 percent are out there lost without help, without hope, without strength. These people will die and go to hell unless we go to where they are and share Jesus with them. It is absolutely imperative that our church people come out of the beautiful church buildings into the market place and share with lost humanity the "Good News" of Jesus.

All Baptists are urged to participate in the "Good News America God Loves You" revival in March and April 1986. The revival dates for the areas are: Eastern, March 9-16; Piedmont, March 23-30; and Western, April 6-13, 1986. Every church is encourage to plan a revival meeting during one of these suggeste dates. Let us pray daily that every unsaved person in North Carolina will have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Christ by the end of 1986.

Churches are urged to have a CWT or Lay Evangelism School training in preparation for the "Good News America" revivals. Bible distribution and a people search will be emphasized during October 1985.

Many of our churches have already scheduled revival trining seminars, Growing Evangelistic Churches in North Carolina seminars, and spiritual Awakening seminars for 1985-1986.

In February, in the midst of a ice storm, the Statewide Evangelism Conference was held at War Memorial Auditorium and Coliseum, Greensboro. Jo Ann Shelton and Loeen Bushman led the music and Dr. John Sullivan, Dr. John Disagno, Dr. Bill Jones, Dr. James Pleitz, Dr. William Tanner, and Dr. Charles Page preached to the twenty-five hundred in attendance. On February 3-4, 1986 the 40th conference will be held in Greensboro Coliseum with Dr. George Harris, Dr. Frank Crumpler, Dr. Leonard Sanderson, Dr. Frederick Sampson, and Dr. Jim Henry bringing the messages.

Super Summer '85 was held in July this year at Wake Forest University July 10-12, with the Crusade on Friday night in Greensboro with almost ten thousand young people in attendance.

The evangelism Division sponsored 15 regional meetings in October designed for pastors and staff. These meetings will be held each year to inform and educate the staff on coming evangelism events and programs. The meetings begin at 10:00 am and last until noon with lunch being served. This year the emphasis will be on the "Good News America" revivals.

Again, one of the hits of the year was the Single Adult Evangelism retreat. This is the third year for this retreat and it along with the vocational evangelists retreat are always well attended.

The second Mountain Pastors Evangelism conference was held at Ridgecrest and was such a success the 1985 conference is already on the agenda. Designed for the mountain pastor and his wife, the conference begins on Friday afternoon and concludes Saturday at 2:00 pm.

With baptisims down this year, let's pray God will use each of us to win one in 1985-86.

Respectfully submitted,
Archie Clawson

J.W. Hutchens, Jr., director

J.W. Hutchens, Jr. spoke to the Evangelism Report. God assumes that we will be witnesses for him. There are more people than we realized that do not know Jesus, even the ones who are our neighbors and people we thought did know him. The Mountain Pastors Evangelism Conference will be held Oct. 18-19. Simultaneous Revival theme is "Good News America, God Loves You". This will be hld in the spring of 1986 and will be publicized on TV, Radio and in newspapers. Revival will still work. A church that hasn't planted any seed can't expect to reap the harvest. If we will pray, God will send the revival. Some helps available for the coming year for churches is Sunday School people search, Good News America, God Loves You bibles can be ordered from Sunday School materials and cards to commit ourselves to name 10 people we will witness to over the next year.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program was born over 50 years ago. Since the beginning, southern Baptist people have been a mission minded people. They have never been afraid of tackling the difficult or confronting the impossible.

What is the Cooperative Program? It is a plan for doing mission work. It is a heart

warming assurance to hundreds of thousands involved in the preaching of Christ in dark places. What does the Cooperative Program do for the denomination? It helps us to see all causes as a whole. It helps the churches and the cause to keep step.

What does the Cooperative Program do for me and my church? It helps me and my church to demonstrate on a world-wide basis the Christian principle of sharing. Christ's command was to go ye into all the world.

What can my church and I do for the cooperative Program? We can always think of the Cooperative Program as the arm of God reaching out to a needy world. We can remember that whatever our gift, God will add much more to it.

May we all, from this day forward, band our hearts and prayers together that what we can't do ourselves, we can see it done by giving through the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Paulien Eldreth

Jim Lambert spoke to the Cooperative Program report. People don't understand the cooperative program. Words don't have meanings, people have meanings. We give money through the Cooperative Program, not to it. Read Luke 4:18. If this was important to Jesus then, it is important to Him now. We are laborers together and all our churches can join hands to reach people all over the world. God has blessed the Cooperative Program and will continue to bless as we pray.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Our unity is found in God who guides us in our varied ministries. He does not call in the same way. He does not send to the same place. He does not provide the same resources. But it is the same Lord who calls, leads and provides for us all.

If you support the Cooperative Program, give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, work on local mission projects or pray for home missions, you are a stockholder in one of America's oldest cooperations, the Home Mission Board of the SBC.

Founded in 1845, the Home Mission Board was originally created for out reach to Blacks, Indians and the city of New Orleans. In 1966 the SBC assigned the HMB the task of developing a national missions strategy. That strategy is being implemented through the 13 programs and support ministries highlighted here.

Associational Administration Service - led in promoting Associational Emphasis Week to educate Southern Baptists about the work of associations. Ninty Director of Missions received training in 3 basic leadership seminars.

BLACK CHURCH RELATIONS - assists National and southern Baptists in cooperative ministries including racial reconciliation, and provides scholarships for 286 students committed to full time Christian vocation.

Chaplaincy Ministries - Through 1,728 endorsed Chaplains supports ministry to people in hospitals, institutions, business, industry and the military.

Christian Social Ministries - Provides Christian love and witness through counseling, clothing and food closets, Baptist center, programs for the aging, illiterate, juvenile delinquents, alcoholics and disaster relief operations.

Church Extension - Helps establish missions and churches and works to bring them to self-support so people can worship in their own community. In 1984 the HMB helped start 1,733 church-type missions, and 429 churches across the U.S.

Church Loans - Offers counsel and financial assistance to congregations purchasing sites or constructing buildings.

Evangelism Development - Coordinates the work of associational evangelism programs and providing training for Assoc. Evangelism Directors.

INTERFAITH WITNESS - Leads Baptist efforts to understand and witness to people of other faiths including cults.

Language Missions - Works with 84 language-culture groups to witness and establish churches.

Mass Evangelism - Works with church revivals, simultaneous revivals, area crusades and other forms of mass evangelism.

Metropolitan Missions - Works to expand and strengthen Southern Baptist work in area with population above 50,000.

Personal Evangelism - Equips and motivates pastors and laypersons for lifestyles of personal witnessing.

Rural-Urban Missions - Works to expand and strengthen Southern Baptist work in rural and small city associations.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Tester

Bob Kilgore, Director of Church Loans Division of the Home Mission Board spoke to this report. Every person in this world has one thing in common - they were created by God and they need Jesus Christ. The HMB has started over 400 churches in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. These are some things you can do to help the HMB: 1) Pray. 2) Give us your young people. 3) Give us your money. 4) Have a good church report right here. 5) Come to see us.

Everyone at the HMB is trying to find God's will for their life, and their responsibility to Southern Baptist Churches all across the country.

STATE MISSIONS

The work of the Division of Mission is done through area missionaries, Associational Development, Brotherhood, chaplaincy and language, church Extension, Co-operative Ministries and Seminary Extension, Special Ministries, the deaf and Fruitland. Our 1984 offering was \$1,895,844. This was then distributed among our different agencies which are: State Missions Ministries, NC Baptist Men, Baptist Hospita, Baptist Retirement Homes, Children's Homes, Christian Education (colleges), Heck-Jones (WMU) and NC Mission Promotions. Our money that we gave has been put to good use in the past year. During 1984 there were more than 50 new works started in NC. These added over 1750 persons to Sunday School and 1350 to church membership. NC has 7 colleges and universities. Only Texas has more with 8. NC had 87 extension centers in 1984 with prison inmates registered for 34 courses. 70% of students in our colleges receive financial aid.

Our Baptist Retirement Homes can minister to 275 older persons through the homes five group care facilities, nursing care unit and apartments.

During the torandoes and hurricanes last year the Disaster Van owned by NC Baptist men fed more than 15,000 meals. Through NC Baptist men 3 new church buildings were built in our state in 1984.

Our Baptist Children's Homes will begin its 2nd century of quality care in November 1985. We also have a maternity home working with unwed mothers, giving them love and support. Three happiness retreats for mentally retarded persons and their families were made possible by NC Missions.

Last summer, 12 missionaries working in the Boone area were involved in 313 different activities that were attended by over 15,000 people. 12 persons were saved at services held at Rockingham Speedway.

During 1984 treatment was provided for 25,000 patients at our Baptist Hospital. These came from 95 of our states counties and over 3,000 came from other states and countries. All these ministries and many more are funded by the NC Missions Offering. In September, give generously so more work can be started and old projects can continue.

Respectfully submitted,
Mamie Craig

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

One way we could involve our church in Foreign Missions is to invite a Missionary for a "weekend encounter". Plan ahead and contact the missionary well in advance because they are very busy during their furloughs.

The Foreign Mission Study for 1985 is a look at starting churches. Each church should begin now to make plans for this study which is November 17-20. There are always films and study materials available to assist you in your study. We have heard so much during these meetings that emphasize the importance of our Foreign Missions. Southern Baptist Now have missionaries in countries. We NC Baptist have been made personally aware of the work in Togo, West Africa. We have learned that foreign missionaries not only spread the gospel to many people hearing it for the very first time but they also are called upon to build bridges, both cultural and physical, be social innovators, train National leaders, be a communications specialist, be a motivator and a prophet. The foreign missionary is committed to long term involvement in the lives of the people for God's redemptive purposes.

Southern Baptist are involved in the building of schools, hospitals and churches on the foreign mission field in order to meet physical as well as spiritual needs.

There are many ways we as individuals can be involved in the foreign mission work. One is financial support through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, another is through prayer. We can be involved by serving as a volunteer and encouraging others to do so. People are needed to work with students and residents and there are many opening for associate and career missionaries.

The Foreign Missions Board is located in Richmond, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,
J.R. Robbins

Don Norrington spoke to the Foreign Missions Report. I just arrived from Togo, W. Africa after being there for 4½ months with my family helping them through hunger projects. They have now baptized 300 new Christians in Togo and there are 300 waiting to be baptized. The average offering there is about 2-3 cents. They meet in a roof over poles church building. I challenge you to think seriously about what God would have you do.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1985

Baptist Hospital is committed to making available to its patients the most advanced medical technology in an atmosphere of Christian caring.

New technology brought into service during the past year includes a magnetic resonance scanner which uses a strong magnetic field, radio waves, and computer techniques to obtain images of the body's organs and tissues without using ionizing radiation. During the past year, the hospital also introduced a procedure to remove kidney stones by passing a large needle into the kidney basket. Medical Center cardiologists have helped to develop a dual-chamber pacemaker which helps to regulate the pace of an ailing heart so that its function is more similar to that of a healthier heart. Also, cardiologists are now using streptokinase to effectively dissolve clots in the coronary arteries. In another development, many cancer patients are now benefiting from a new device which makes intravenous injections of drugs unnecessary. Our Medical Center surgeons helped develop this year, but with important consequences, is the discovery by pediatricians that partial bathing of babies in the intensive care nursery rather than total bathing allows the body temperature to remain constant instead of dropping.

These new discoveries help assure Baptist Hospital patients of a high quality of professional care. Equally important, however, is the emotional and spiritual environment in which this care is provided. Through department staff meetings, through staff education programs, through an ongoing program of new employee orientation, the hospital seeks to preserve an atmosphere of Christian caring and concern. The specific functions of the Pastoral Care Department and the Patient Relations Department contribute to the hospital's effort to minister "with skill and understanding."

During the past year, our hospital admitted 25,140 patients for a total of 213,038 days of care. Ambulatory patient visits including the Bowman Gray Department of Clinics totalled 243,096. The hospital has 701 licensed beds, employs 3,537 persons and has an operating budget of \$124,187,316. The Department of Pastoral Care made 57,849 visits with patients, family members, and employees and provided 21,194 hours of counseling through the Winston-Salem center and the various satellites.

Last year, North Carolina Baptists gave their hospital \$541,255.16 in financial support through the Cooperative Program and \$367,712.33 through the North Carolina Missions Offering. The hospital staff and the patients are deeply grateful for this continuing support.

The hospital is currently involved in another expansion program which will include new parking areas, a new inpatient tower, a clinical services building, and additions to the power plant as well as renovation and alterations of existing space. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$86,344.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Triplett

Hospital Report speaker was Calvin Knight. We have one mission field and that is the world. The hospital is not able to meet every financial need but the whole offering of N.C. Baptists is used through the Benevolent Fund. Evaluation of the N.C. Mission Offering revealed it has not met the goals set up. The committee recommended and if approved by the board we will have two offerings, one in May and one in September and divide up the missions into these two offerings.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

The mission of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. is to care for dependent, neglected and homeless children, unwed mothers and their children; and the rendering of related services to their families. The broad purpose of the Institution embraces services directed toward the preservation, conservation and rehabilitation of families to avoid whenever possible, the placement of the child away from home.

During our 100th year of service, the trustees, staff and President Michael C. Blackwell, pledge anew our commitment to continue fulfilling the mission and purpose of this Christian institution of caring as we enter our second century of service. In our Centennial year we served 1,517 children and 1,167 families.

Services of the Baptist Children's Homes are delivered from eight Family Services Area. Four are located on our campuses: Mills Home, Thomasville; Odum Home, Pembroke; Kennedy Memorial Home, Kinston and Broyhill Home, Clyde. The four additional area offices are in Charlotte, Raleigh, Hickory and Jacksonville. The placement of children as well as individual and family counseling are all within the scope of each Family Services Center.

The services rendered by the Children's Homes, which began November 11, 1885, include the following:

Group Care: Mills Home, Thomasville; Kennedy Memorial Home, Kinston; Odum Home, Pembroke; and Broyhill Home, Clyde.

Nine Emergency Care Homes located on our campuses and in Forest City, Charlotte, High Point, Henderson, and Supply.

Maternity Home, Asheville.

Therapeutic Camping, Cameron-Vass.

Foster Care Homes.

Child Development Center, Thomasville.

With the Governor's proclamation of May 19, 1985 as "Baptist Children's Homes Day" in North Carolina, the centennial celebration was well on its way. Phil Young of Henderson was commissioned to write "Praise Book," a musical about children and families. The musical was performed by adult and children's choirs in 12 Baptist churches across the state. Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas wrote **A Hundred Years of Caring**, an updated history of the Homes. Baptists from across the state submitted their favorite recipes for a cookbook which was published this fall. In cooperation with the Convention's Communication department, a new video, "100 Years of Caring," was released in February.

Both the book and the video were underwritten by the Broyhill Foundation. During May, June and July a 1,400 mile "Run for the Children," the longest in the history of North Carolina, allowed hundreds of people to participate in and celebrate the spirit of caring for children.

The Baptist Children's Homes' Proclamation Day was held on the Mills Home Campus on November 10, 1985. During the celebration ceremony, a time capsule was buried near the Mitchell Museum, the oldest standing facility used for child care in North Carolina. One of the final events of the Centennial will be a worship celebration on November 12, 1985 at the Baptist State Convention in Charlotte. The combined voices of our children in care, along with other special features, will be an exciting entrance into our second hundred years of quality child care. We hope you will join us at the Charlotte Coliseum for an evening to celebration, praise and thanksgiving.

We are grateful to North Carolina Baptists for their faithfulness in this ministry as expressed through the financial support of the North Carolina Missions Offering and the Cooperative Program, as well as individual gifts from churches, friends and supporters. We commit ourselves anew to honor their trust and our noble heritage as we remain faithful to our mission of serving children and their families.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Moody

Donna Lail spoke to the Children's Home report. She works in the Hickory-Lenoir area and at the Mills Home. She stated that many, many young people across the state have been helped and are being helped through your offering through the Cooperative Program and N.C. Missions offering.

ANNUAL MESSAGE—SCOTT CHURCH

The Lord He is God. 1 Kings 18:21-40

I have no fear of men but I have fear of responsibility. A task that causes a fear to come upon me when I proclaim God's word. Eligah was doing what God told him to do. The Israelites were trying to serve two Gods. Eligah called all the people together to show them that the Lord, He is God. It was time for the people to make a decision as to who they were going to serve. Anything that is on our mind more than Jesus Christ is Baal worship. We must make a decision in our lives, in our churches and in our association as to who we will serve. Where is our altar? Do we have an Altar? Is it broken down and not repaired? Do we talk to God? We've left God out of our life, out of our church, out of our world. Because Eligah was obedient to God, God sent the fire. If our lives were where they should be, we could call down fire. If the Lord is our God, we will carry out his orders. It should come automatic what we are to do and not do. We need to change directions and see the difference between God and Baal.

After a wonderful lunch and fellowship with our brothers and sisters and the speakers we assembled for the afternoon session. The congregation sang Amazing Grace. Devotion was led by Max West who read 1 John 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him would not perish, but have eternal life."

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

The seven Baptist colleges and universities of North Carolina: Campbell University, Chowan College, Gardner-Webb College, Mars Hill College, Meredith College, Wake Forest University, Wingate College, were begun as part of the mandate of Christ to go and teach. The Great Commission is motivation for both missions and education. Hand in hand these two work together.

Working with the seven colleges and universities on the Convention level is the Council on Christian Higher Education. Formed in 1944 the purpose of the Council is to correlate programs, develop uniform accounting procedures, a provide better communication between the schools and the churches in the Convention.

The Council membership is composed of 42 members: the presidents, deans and

chairmen of trustees of each of the seven colleges and universities, sixteen members of the General Board Committee on Christian Higher Education, and five ex-officio members, (Convention president, General Board president, general secretary-treasurer of the Convention, W. M. U. president, and executive secretary of the council.) James Langford is President of the Council.

The council activities and programs are planned to help the colleges and universities. They study the needs of the schools and recommend to the General Board budget allocations to them.

The Council plans conferences for various college and university administrators. Separate conferences are planned for presidents, deans, business managers, admissions directors, development directors and librarians.

The Council plans interdepartmental faculty meetings. Once every two years the teachers in the same discipline from all the North Carolina Baptist colleges and universities meet at one of the schools for two days of personal and professional sharing. The meetings scheduled for 1985 are: professors of Education, professors of Social Sciences, professors of Religion, Philosophy, and college chaplans, professors of Business and Economics, and professors of Psychology.

The Executive Secretary of the Council on Christian Higher Education is Robert Mullinax. The Council is seeking in all its activities to help all our North Carolina colleges and universities as each school serves in its own unique way.

Two of our presidents were elected to important positions of service. Campbell University President Norman A. Wiggins was elected President of the Baptist State Convention. Mars Hill College President Fred Bentley was elected President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which is the regional accrediting association for North Carolina Baptist Colleges.

North Carolina Baptists have supported Christian Education for a cumulative total of 771 years. It is important that we continue to give spiritual, moral and financial support to our schools that they might continue their mission through education.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Grydier

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Look at literature before you order it or buy it.

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Background materials for Sunday School or Training Union.

Filmstrips, Cassettes, and Audio-Visual equipment for use in your church.

If you are a leader in Western North Carolina you may write, call or come by and use any of these services that are available through the Center for Christian Education Ministries. Mars Hill College wants to serve you.

Speaker to Christian Higher Education report was Sue Fitzgerald from Mars Hill College. God has given us our command "Go ye therefore and teach." As you have seen the need you have added to your schools. 104 times in the Bible it says "you teach." Who? Teach transgressors, sons, daughters, Jews, Greeks, all the people, and your schools take this seriously. On the campus we have Upward Bound for high school students to prepare them for higher education, gifted and talented programs and Center for Christian Education Ministries which is an outreach of Mars Hill College. There are resources available to help you in all areas of church work. The Bible also tells us what to teach, wisdom, good judgement and knowledge of the way to pray. Do our colleges do this, yes! We need you to pray for us.

PROPOSED STONY FORK ASSOCIATIONAL BUDGET AUGUST 1, 1985—JULY 31, 1986

Monthly Income

Bailey Camp	0
Boone Fork	60.00
Doe Ridge	Average 24.00
Laurel Fork	
Laytown	0
Lone Ridge	42.00
Mt. Ephraim	0
Rock Springs	50.00
Sandy Flat	Average 44.88
Total	\$220.88

Yearly Expenditures

DOM salary	4,800.00
Convention expenses	1,000.00
Phone	120.00
P.O. Box	13.00
Postage and newsletter	250.00
Total	\$6,183.00

Yearly Program Expenditures

Sunday school	100.00
V.B.S.	100.00
Youth activities	150.00
Church training	50.00
Evangelism	200.00
Clerk	200.00
Treasurer	200.00
S.S. and taxes for clerk and treasurer	100.00
Misc.	100.00
Total	\$950.00
Total yearly income (approx.)	\$2652.56
(from churches only)	
Total yearly expenditures (approx.)	\$7383.00
(including a DOM salary)	

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

I believe Sunday School is the most important school of training. It teaches us how to become a Christian, and how to live a Christian life. We learn the importance of gathering with our church family in God's house for fellowship and worship.

God continues to bless through the Sunday School with souls being won to Christ by the teaching of God's eternal truths.

September 29, 1985 is Celebration Sunday and Enrollment Reporting day for From Here to Victory, and reach 5 in 85.

May we all join together in unity of the Spirit to work together for the Glory of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Clawson

REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.

Whether we look at our objectives in life as individual Christians or collectively, as a church, an association or convention, we should be interested, above all other life's objectives, in presenting the message of Christ to those who need to know and accept Him as Lord and Savior. One of the exciting aspects of being a Christian is to feel the joy that comes in serving Him now as well as having influence on others in the future.

Some of the future influence we have as Christians is reflected in our daily commitment of service now. This can be accomplished first through our personal witness to those who will live beyond our lifespan and, secondly, through use of our resources. An increasing number of North Carolina Baptists are experiencing the excitement that comes with knowing that a portion of their resources will be set aside in trusts to further the spread of the Gospel, in perpetuity. The Baptist Foundation provides the services that make this possible.

During the past fiscal year (1984), 81 new trusts were established with the North Carolina Baptist Foundation to serve as trustee. These gifts totalled \$256,029.34. Additions and contributions to new and existing trusts totalled \$741,153 for the year. When maturity value of bonds in the invested portfolio are considered along with market value for real estate held in trust, the assets of the Foundation at the end of 1984 totalled \$10,930,279. Real estate holdings have an estimated value of \$4.478 million dollars. Income distributed to Baptist institutions and agencies, and to individuals receiving annuity payments totalled \$471,563 during 1984.

Investing of Foundation assets is carried out under the direction of the Board of Directors elected by the State Convention. Day to day management is given to the investments by two fiscal agents selected by the Board. Investment philosophy now used calls for maximum return with some internal growth. Throughout the 65 year history of the Baptist Foundation, its Directors have taken seriously their fiduciary responsibilities as related to the trusts held as well as to the Convention.

Support of new church growth through trusts will receive increasing attention by the Convention in the immediate future. A variety of methods are available to North Carolina Baptists through their Baptist Foundation. Information concerning these and other services of the Foundation are available by contacting the Foundation office at P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin S. Coates, Executive
Joseph Teague, Chairman,
Board of Directors

Speaker to the Baptist Foundation Report was Edwin S. Coates, Executive Secretary. The Baptist Foundation was founded in 1920 and is now 65 years old.

The role of the foundation is to support every cause of the Southern Baptist Convention. Most of our budget comes from the Cooperative Program. We never know what good we do when we do something to influence another life.

The first day of the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING

J. R. Robbins welcomed everyone to the second day of the annual meeting at Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church. The congregation sang "Standing on the Promises." Rev. Theo Hendricks was recognized.

Scott Church led the devotion. John 6:5-13.

There were eight churches represented with 35 members and 6 visitors being present.

WOMANS MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

Our Stony Fork Association WMU centennial meeting was held at Rock Spring Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, May 14, with a covered dish supper. Perry Greene, Charlie Foxx and Kenny Isaacs came from Boone and showed films on Togo, West Africa where they have been this past winter and spring. Perry Greene and Charlie Foxx had drilled wells there and Kenny Isaacs had done construction work building bridges.

Our WMU Offices for 1985-86 are: Director: Eunice Luttrell, Asst. Director: Shelby Miller - Sandy Wood. Secretary-Treasurer: Nellie Coffey. Baptist Young Women: Betty Woods and Linda Mills. GA's: Linda Church. Mission Friends: Mary Greene. Mission Action Director: Rosetta Holifield and Doris Tester. Mission Study Directory: Jeri Jones. Ac-teens: Mamie Craig.

We took on the care of a patient at the Blowing Rock Extended Care unit at Blowing Rock Hospital. We bought extra necessities for her. Each church took turns each month. The WMU talked to the merchants in Blowing Rock who sell magazines and asked them to remove all pornographic materials that were displayed at eye level with 4 and 5 year old children. Most of them complied with our request.

We had a prayer retreat July 26 and 27 at the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds in Blowing Rock. We had 20 ladies present. Luther Osmont from Broyhill Home spoke to us after our Friday evening meal. Ella Keller, retired from the Home Mission Board spoke to us about her work on Saturday morning after the breakfast hour. We had a wonderful fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelby Miller

Eunice Luttrell, incoming President of the WMU spoke to this report. She encouraged every church to begin a WMU and to help build our associational WMU and make it stronger.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School takes a lot of time and energy, but let me share with you some important reasons why we should give it top priority.

In 1983 3,992 professions of faith were made in N.C. Over 40,000 prospects are discovered each year through VBS in N.C.

In the Stony Fork Association this past year, we had 8 conference leaders, 6 of whom went to the state VBS clinic at First Baptist Church in Hickory. Those leaders areas follows: Edith Gryder, Adults, Kathy Coffey, youth, Margaret Triplett, Middle Children, Eunice Luttrell, Older Children, Judi Tolbert, Older Pre-school, Mary Greene, Younger Children, Carol Moody, Middle Pre-school.

We had our Associational VBS clinic on April 26 at Rock Spring with 37 attending, including 3 pastors and 3 VBS directors. A total of 6 churches were represented.

This year 4 churches reported their Bible Schools. Out of these 4 churches, there were 2 professions of faith made.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara West, VBS Director

June 26, 1985

TO: Associational Directors of Missions, Moderators, and Baptist Homes' Representatives
 FROM: Jim Saul, Director of Denominational Relations
 RE: 1985 Report to the Associations

Enclosed is the Baptist Retirement Homes' 1985 Report to the Associations. We appreciate so much your willingness to use the report in helping North Carolina Baptist to know more about their mission ministries through the Retirement Homes.

During the past five years, I have visited in nearly every association in our State. My goal each year is to visit in as many annual meetings as can be scheduled. I would appreciate your making me aware of program time or good opportunities in which I might visit in your annual meeting and be with your folks to share materials and answer their questions as we visit in the corridors and on the front porch, etc. I find the opportunity just to be present and introduced and the time around the table or after the program very productive. A copy of a tentative program or meeting times, etc., is most helpful as I try to plan my travel schedule. So often it's possible to piggy back a meeting if I'm aware of a time for another association in the area.

Thanks so much for the many opportunities that you've made available on your programs for presentations by a representative from the Homes. I hope there will be many opportunities this year as together we endeavor to inform North Carolina Baptists of their mission work.

P.S.—Please help us in getting our new corporate name before the members of your associational family. If you would, in listing the Homes' ministry, please use the corporate name, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc., or Baptist Retirement Homes, whichever would best suit the presentation.

JUNE, 1985 REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS

For over 34 years, N. C. Baptists have been ministering with older adults through the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. The Homes' ministry is one that works—providing security and hope in the midst of sincere concern and love—bringing about the possibility for abundant life—one with a plus. This is all happening in the name of North Carolina Baptists through the "Baptist" Retirement Homes.

The Retirement Homes' policy makers, your Trustees, and the Homes' Administrative Staff have put untold amounts of time and energy into addressing the changing scene of retirement living. This serious effort has enhanced the viability and efficiency of the Homes' ministry. Serious questions still face the Retirement Homes.

What forms must the Homes' ministry take to meet the increasing needs created by the growing numbers of older adults? How will facility needs be met with limited financial resources? These and many more issues are under serious study and consideration by your Trustees and Administrative Staff. The Homes have a rich heritage of ministry. Building on the strengths of this heritage, the Homes with the growing support of North Carolina Baptists will effectively meet the needs of many more older persons.

The following facts and information will give an overview of the Retirement Homes' ministry from August, 1984—June, 1985:

- The Retirement Homes had an average daily occupancy of 244 residents in the five group Homes, Nursing Care Unit and apartments.

- Over 30 new residents were admitted to the Homes and Nursing Care.

- Group Home fees for care were not raised. Cost containment and budget controls made this possible.

- Over \$100,000 of benevolent care was provided monthly to Home residents.

- Sixty cents of each benevolent care dollar was provided through Cooperative Program and North Carolina Missions Offering gifts.

- "Heart to Heart" Christmas gifts from friends of the Retirement Homes provided each resident with a \$20 gift.

- The Homes' Nursing Care Unit, Winston-Salem, can now care for 85 persons. Conversion of eleven Hayes Home rooms made this increase possible.

- The Nursing Care Unit is operating at 95% plus occupancy.

—Apartment policies have been revised. Plans are being formulated to build another duplex unit on the Hayes Home Campus.

—A 20-minute video tape "Not An Ordinary Person" has been produced to be used in communicating the Retirement Homes' ministry.

—The Retirement Homes do have vacancies. Please request admissions information from Mr. Jackson S. Hoyle, Administrative Offices, Winston-Salem, N. C.

—After more than 24 years of service to North Carolina Baptists and the Retirement Homes, Homes' President Bill Poole retired. A Trustee Search Committee is actively seeking the person to become the third President of the Baptist Retirement Homes of N. C. Jackson Hoyle is serving as Interim Director.

—The first meeting of the Retirement Homes' "Heritage Club" was held. The club members have included the Homes in their estate planning. Last year, through bequests, trusts, etc., over \$400,000 was given to support the Retirement Homes' ministry. Information about the Heritage Club is available from the Administrative Offices, Winston-Salem, N. C.

—The fiscal year ending September 30, closed in the black, largely due to special gifts.

The Baptist Retirement Homes' mission is to continue providing the most important dimension to meeting the needs of older adults—Christian compassion. The Retirement Homes provide care beyond the required minimums. Thanks to your mission support, care of which we know you would be proud is provided.

Submitted by:

Mr. Jackson S. Hoyle,
Interim Director

Mr. James Saul, Director
Of Denominational Relations

Respectfully submitted:
Rosetta Hollifield

Rev. J. C. Jones spoke to the Home for the Aging Report. I have toured all of the homes for the aging, and they are marvelous homes. My mother-in-law was a patient at Albermarle Home for 13 years. These homes are genuine Christian homes and provide tender loving care for all the residents.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT

To call 1985 a banner year for the Christian Action League, it would indeed be an understatement. Let's take a thumbnail sketch of what has occurred.

I. LEGISLATION:

A. **Obscenity:** The General Assembly enacted into law an obscenity bill that is the culmination of 10 years of consistent effort. Due to the loopholes in our state's obscenity laws, North Carolina has become the nation's "smut" capital because of the large numbers of porno outlets in our state per capita. The newly enacted law consists of the following features:

1. The so-called "adult" book stores (porno shops) are outlawed;
2. Sexually oriented materials such as PLAYBOY, HUSTLER, etc., will have to be placed under the counter or behind the counter with blinders in convenient stores, newsstands, etc.;
3. It provides for the prosecution of cable porn;
4. Penalties for violating the state's obscenity law have been increased from misdemeanors to felonies.

The law becomes effective October 1, 1985, and all complaints should be directed to your district attorney who will have the authority to begin legal proceedings.

B. **Alcohol (Liquor-Beer-Wine):** The following significant issues were addressed:

1. Drinking Age set at 21 for all alcoholic beverages;
2. "Happy Hours" abolished;
3. A Dram Shop bill passed the House that will be considered by the Senate in the June 1986 session. This proposal will make bartenders, tavern operators, and other retailers liable for damages if a sale is made to an intoxicated person who becomes involved in an alcohol related accident.

4. Legislation increasing the amount of liquor purchases and brown-bagging privileges from 1 gallon to 5 gallons was defeated.
5. Permitting Convention Centers to have brown-bagging went down to defeat.
6. A provision to allow out-of-state corporations convicted of felonies to be granted ABC permits was removed for consideration.
7. Current North Carolina law permanently revokes ABC permits for any establishment convicted of gambling offenses. An effort to repeal that measure was "shot down."

C. Gambling:

1. The statewide lottery act went down to defeat in the Senate with a 24 to 24 tie vote.
2. The "Casino" game bill for non-profit organizations was rejected. This proposal would have allowed casino gambling to get its foot in the front door. Then you would have heard the pitch from the gambling industry: "If you allow non-profit organizations to conduct such games, why not the private sector, and the state can get the revenue."
3. Efforts to liberalize our bingo laws were also turned back. The professionals sought to get their "noses under the tent" after being expelled in the bingo reform law two years ago.

- D. **Abortion:** The state abortion fund was decreased by $\frac{1}{3}$ from 1.2 million to \$900,000. Yet, North Carolina remains the only state in the southeast to use state tax funds for medically unnecessary abortions. The Governor recommended that state tax funds be allowed only for abortions when the mother's life is at stake, rape, or incest. The legislature rejected that proposal but decreased the available funding by $\frac{1}{3}$.

II. REFERENDUMS: In the past year, several liquor related votes were held, such as:

- A. Jonesville defeated ABC liquor stores along with beer and wine.
- B. Asheboro defeated ABC liquor stores, beer, wine, and liquor-by-the-drink.
- C. Morganton defeated liquor-by-the-drink.
- D. Anson County defeated beer and wine sales.
- E. Camden County defeated liquor-by-the-drink.
- F. Monroe defeated liquor liquor-by-the-drink.
- G. Chatham County defeated liquor-by-the-drink.
- H. Nash County defeated liquor-by-the-drink.
- I. Edgecombe County defeated liquor-by-the-drink.

We are grateful to our lord for the opportunity to apply the Gospel to contemporary moral and ethical issues. Then, we are grateful to you that uphold the League with your prayers and financial support. You make it possible for us to remain on the firing line for the causes that we share.

Coy C. Privette,
Executive Director
Tom M. Freeman,
President

Joe Lennon, newly elected director of the Christian Action League spoke to the Temperance and Morals report. Alcohol is still a major problem in N. C. Laws against porno have been tightened in N. C. The drinking age has now been raised to 21. The lottery bill was just barely defeated, but it is coming back. We the people can stand up and make a difference for Jesus.

CHURCH TRAINING

Church Training is designed to equip believers for the task of discipleship, to train church members in how to worship, witness, educate and minister in all the ways Christians can apply their faith in daily living.

There are three primary phases of work:

1. Church member training—to equip church members for full participation in all areas of church life and to develop Christian skills to carry out the full mission

of the church.

2. New member training—to teach the new Christian in the heritage and policy of the church he has recently joined, and to help him become informed and committed to the life of his church.
3. Church leadership training—to provide an on-going program for training church leaders. In 1979, equipping centers were made available through the Church Training Dept. These are short-term studies that involve 6 major areas: Evangelism and Mission, Church and Community, Family Life, Christian Doctrine, Leadership, and Christian Growth.

The "M" Night program for the association was held at Boone Fork Baptist church. There were several churches in attendance for this program. The Church Training emphasis for 1985-1986 is "Bringing Together Lordship and Servanthood." This year's study should help you to use the scriptures to explain the meaning of Lordship and servanthood in the lives of both Christ and his followers, and to demonstrate personal commitment to service under the Lordship of Christ. This curriculum theme continues a four year emphasis examining God's plan of bringing all things under the Lordship of Christ.

In the coming year let us pray tht God will lead each one of our churches to train our people to carry out the mission of the church to a needy world.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Craig

STEWARDSHIP

I want to take this opportunity to come to you with what is not so much a report as a challenge. And not merely a challenge to greater giving but to better stewardship of all that God has given us. I want us to ask ourselves and our brothers and sisters of Christ, "Am I a good steward of the love that God has bestowed on me?"

Now, surely if we have given our love to Christ, we have taken the first and greatest step toward using our lives in a manner that is profitable to us and to God. Still we assuredly need to ask ourself the question "does my lifestyle take spiritual advantage of the opportunities that day by day living presents?"

Let's take a moment to look at some of those opportunities. One of the greatest needs in the life of our nation is good examples. What better example can we provide to those around us than to love Christ-like in our daily walk. The opportunity to spread God's word. A Christian lifestyle means that we willingly and cheerfully turn over to God all that is normally called "ours." Our possessions, our home, our hands and our means. When we do this we will meet the universal challenge, near or far.

There are many other opportunities that can be grasped by living a Christian lifestyle, far more than can be discussed in this report. However, I firmly believe that if God's people will live wholly and completely for Him, every goal that is outlined in this Associational meeting, whether it be spiritual, social or financial, can be met.

Second Chronicles 7:14 says "if my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land." This verse is not usually thought of in connection with stewardship but on second consideration, does it not call on us for complete stewardship of our lives? Further, it gives us the wonderful promise of what such a life will hold.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gryder

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The first meeting of the Stony Fork Executive Committee was held on September 9, 1984 at Bailey Camp. There were 7 churches represented by 21 people. The Nominating Committee nominated officers for the coming year and assigned reports for the annual meeting. Nominated Cecil Wood to the General Board.

The second meeting was on Sunday, November 11, 1984 at Boone Fork. There were 25 people present from 8 churches. Gary Teague resigned as Director of Missions as of November 1 and this was accepted. Jack White asked that the Assoc. accept his resigna-

tion as Moderator effective at the end of this meeting. This was accepted. J.R. Robins will move up as Moderator from Vice-Moderator.

Third meeting was on March 10 at Doe Ridge. There were 18 people present from 8 churches. The Nominating Committee is to have a nomination for Vice-Moderator at the July meeting. Several names have been suggested for a DOM and the Missions Committee is to be considering these.

Final meeting was on July 14 at Laurel Fork with 28 members present from 8 churches. Archie Clawson was nominated as Vice-Moderator and this was approved. Jack White addressed the Committee concerning Laurel Fork's plans to leave Stony Fork Assoc. to join Three Forks. Elected the pastors to bring the Annual Messages, Scott Church will bring the message the first day and Ed Greene the second day with Max West as alternate. It was moved that the Missions Committee begin actively looking for a DOM and for the Association as a whole to get on with the work. This was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
J.R. Robbins

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the members of Laurel Fork Baptist Church feel that they can serve the Lord more effectively in the Three Forks Association, and

WHEREAS they have notified the Stony Fork Association of their intent to reaffiliate with Three Forks Association and

WHEREAS Three Forks Association has taken Laurel Fork Church under its watchcare and

WHEREAS we of Stony Fork Association desire to express our love and concern for them.

Let it hereby be resolved that we wish them Godspeed in all their endeavors for Christ.

Resolved this tenth day of August, 1985.

Stony Fork Association

RESOLUTIONS

We would like to thank the people of Long Ridge and Mt. Ephriam for the Christian fellowship shown to the visitors and delegates of the Stony Fork Assoc. We also take this opportunity to thank each one for taking part in our meeting.

Our appreciation goes out to the ladies who prepared the wonderful food each day. The Christian fellowship shown at each church has made each session a blessing to all who attended.

Let us, the people of each church of the association, resolve to work harder and in closer fellowship with each other in the coming year so that more souls may be won to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Eunice Luttrell

OBITUARIES

Bailey Camp: Cameron Williams, Mrs. Lillie Ford

Doe Ridge: Mrs. Ella Brown, Mr. Tommy Moretz

Laytown: Mrs. Betty Triplett, Sunday School teacher, Treasure and charter member. Mr. Kenneth Caldwell

Mt. Ephriam: Mr. Ralph Hayes, Mrs. Virtie Triplett

Rock Springs: Mrs. Ruth Woods

Laurel Fork: Mrs. Maude Holland

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Dula

BUSINESS MEETING

Moved and seconded to go back to old minutes, approved.

Moved and seconded to accept budget as proposed. Approved.

Moved to accept resolution presented by Roy Gryder concerning Laurel Fork leaving Stony Fork Assoc. to join Three Forts. Seconded and approved.

Moved to resolve Time, Place and Preacher at first Executive Committee Meeting after the annual meeting. Seconded and approved.

Officers elected for 1985-1986 were as follows: J.R. Robbins, Moderator, Archie Clawson, Vice-Moderator, Linda Mills, Clerk and Eunice Luttrell, Treasurer.

ANNUAL MESSAGE

Ed Green conducted the annual message of the second day. Genesis 22:1-18. Giving our God our Best. Have we given God our best as preachers, teachers, laymen?

1. Abraham's testing call came from God. God is calling for our best, the best of our gifts.
2. Abraham was ready to answer when God spoke to him. Do we hear him when he speaks to us?
3. Abraham say that what is on God's alter cannot be lost.
4. Abraham had a new beginning because he offered his best.

We don't receive God's best because we don't give him our best. We serve a God who knows all things and we must give him our best.

Following the benediction and accnouncements, motion was made to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded and approved.

June, 1985

MEMORANDUM

TO: Associational Leaders

FROM: R.G. Puckett

RE: Annual Meeting Materials

Attached is a copy of the 1985 report to the associations from the **Biblical Recorder**. As usual, we have limited it to one page for quick reading and easy inclusion in your Book

of Reports. It is designed so that it can be photocopied and inserted with other reports and at the same time have the name and signature of the **BR** representative in your association.

With all the tensions in Baptist life today, the state Baptist paper is needed more than ever before to bring reliable and accurate reports on missions, evangelism, benevolences and education. We continue to focus attention on readership and to encourage churches to put the paper in the budget; we will offer a free, 90-day-trial plan. There is no obligation except that the church will consider putting the paper in the budget at the end of the trial period, or making a maximum effort to recruit subscribers from the church family. Please pass this word to your church leaders and have them call Robert Wachs, associate in circulation at the **Recorder**. Call Bob at 919-847-2128, or write to P.O. Box 26568, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Thank you for the time and attention you give to the paper. Bob Wachs has as one of his major assignments the development of feature stories and major news at the associational level. If you have needs, ideas or events which Bob can help you develop through news items in the **Recorder**, please don't delay in contacting him.

All of us here at the paper want to help you in your assignment in the Kingdom. If we can be of assistance, give us the opportunity. May God give you a good annual meeting.

I'll look forward to seeing many of you along the 1985 associational trail. -RGP

REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS - 1985

The Biblical Recorder

This past year has been one of the very best for the people who comprise the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and because the **Biblical Recorder** is a member of that family of God, it has enjoyed a good year also, perhaps the best in its history.

Readership appears to be very high. comments, letters and other communications with the paper indicate Baptists read the paper and depend upon it for correct and vital information about the work we do together. That was the purpose of the paper when it was founded in 1833 and it remains unchanged today.

Tar Heel Baptists face a great challenge and responsibility as we struggle to meet the opportunities before us in our growing and developing state. Fewer persons are members of churches in our state now than are **not** members ... of any kind of church. Our evangelism burden to win the lost and our ministry obligations to all people, are at the maximum now in all our history.

The **Recorder** gladly and gratefully assumes its role in this Great Commission. More than ever before, the paper will seek to inform, indoctrinate, enlist, inspire and provide a forum for Baptist thought and action as we work together to achieve God's purpose for us.

Subscription rates will **not** be raised for the **fourth** consecutive year in 1986, despite a substantial increase in the cost of second-class postage anticipated in October, 1985. Maximum stewardship of the paper's resources has been utilized to provide the paper at minimum cost so that more families can have the paper in their home. The rates for 1986 are the same as 1985: Individual, \$7.00; Club (for or more), \$6.00; Every Family Plan, \$5.00. Our rates are equal to or less than all other major state Baptist papers such as **The Biblical Recorder**.

All is not well in the larger family of Baptists as our national convention continues to struggle for its direction and identity. Every Baptist needs to be well-informed with accurate facts and assessments so that he or she can come to the right position under God as a disciple of Jesus Christ. We must not let the conflict in the SBC deter us from the work and ministry we have here in our own state.

Let us pray together for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom as never before. Please pray for the paper, its ministry, staff and contribution to the Lord's work. If the paper can help you, your church or you association, please call 919-847-2127.

Respectfully submitted,
Associational Representative

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862 Zions Gate Meeting Hause, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863 Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864 Minutes were not printed, Manuscript got lost.			
1865 Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J.R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866 South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867 Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J.R. Carlton
1868 Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869 Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W.H. Phillips
1870 Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871 Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872 Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J.R. Carlton
1873 Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874 Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875 Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876 Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877 Poplar Grave	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878 Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J.R. Carlton
1879 Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880 Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg	
1881 Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882 Mt. Ephriam	J.F. Eller	Jahn R. Hodges	James Parson
1883 Yellow Hill	J.F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884 Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Hodges
1885 Buffalo Cove	J.F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J.F. Eller
1886 Stony Fork	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E.M. Gragg
1887 Union	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888 Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889 Poplar Grave	F.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890 Mt. Vernon	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E.M. Gragg
1891 Watauga	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J.C. Miller
1892 Paran	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E.M. Gragg
1893 Boones Fork	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S.T. Carroll
1894 Yellow Hill	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Jahn F. Eller
1895 New River	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896 Elk	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J.C. Miller
1897 Laurel Fork	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898 Buffalo Cove	J.C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J.F. Davis
1899 Mt. Vernon	E.M. Gragg	R.H. Pipes	J.J.I. Sherwood
1900 Watauga	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D.C. Harman
1901 Stony Fork	J.C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902 Poplar Grove	J.C. Miller	A.J. Shul!	J.C. Bloylock
1903 Boones Fork	F.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J.C. Miller
1904 Mt. Ephriam	F.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F.M. Gragg
1905 Mt. Paran	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906 Yellow Hill	Thas. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907 New River	Thas. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J.F. Davis
1908 Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J.C. Miller
1909 Elk	Thas. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J.C. Miller
1910 Laurel Fork	Thas. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911 Mt. Vernon	Thas. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D.M. Wheeler
1912 Poplar Grove	Thas. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R.F. Wilcox
1913 Watauga	Thas. L. Day	N.S. Hampton	N.S. Hampton
1914 Mt. Ephriam	Thas. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915 Boones Fork	Thas. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D.M. Wheeler
1916 Rock Springs	B.F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917 Mt. Paran	B.F. Wilcox	N.S. Hampton	N.S. Hampton
1918 Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919 Yellow Hill	B.F. Wilcox	N.S. Hampton	B.F. Wilcox
1920 Mt. Vernon	B.F. Wilcox	N.S. Hampton	N.S. Hampton
1921 Laurel Fork	B.F. Wilcox	N.S. Hampton	D.M. Wheeler
1922 Watauga	B.F. Wilcox	N.S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923 Poplar Grove	B.F. Wilcox	N.S. Hampton	N.S. Hampton
1924 Boones Fork	B.F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W.D. Ashley
1925 Mt. Ephriam	B.F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J.A. Hampton
1926 Rock View	D.M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G.M. Watson

1927 Elk	D.M. Wheeler	R.F. Wilcox	A.C. Hamby
1928 Watauga	D.M. Wheeler	B.F. Wilcox	B.F. Wilcox
1929 Sandy Flat	D.M. Wheeler	B.F. Wilcox	G.M. Watson
1930 Middle Cane	W.D. Ashley	B.F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931 Laurel Fork	W.D. Ashley	B.F. Wilcox	B.F. Wilcox
1932 New Hopewell	G.M. Watson	B.F. Wilcox	J.T. McGuire
1933 Yellow Hill	B.F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G.M. Watson
1934 Mt. Vernon	G.W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R.H. Shore
1935 Grandmother Gap	G.W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W.J. Cook
1936 Mt. Ephriam	G.W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937 Mt. View	B.F. Wilcox	G.M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938 Watauga	Carl Triplett	F.L. Hampton	W.D. Ashley
1939 Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F.L. Hampton	W.J. Cook
1940 Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F.L. Hampton	G.M. Watson
1941 Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N.L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942 New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N.L. Harrison	B.F. Wilcox
1943 Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N.L. Harrison	W.B. Bryant
1944 Watauga	N.L. Harrison	W.M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945 Laytown	N.L. Harrison	W.M. Brown	W.D. Ashley
1946 Mt. Vernon	G.M. Watson	W.M. Brown	W.D. Ashley
1947 Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948 No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church.			
1949 Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950 Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N.L. Harrison	R.L. Barnes
1951 New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N.L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952 Boones Fork	G.M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W.J. Cook
1953 East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	R.L. Barnes
1954 Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	Lloyd J. Oulier
1955 Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	W.J. Cook
1956 Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W.M. Brown
1957 Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W.J. Cook
1958 Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Corson Eggers
1959 New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W.J. Cook
1960 Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Corson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961 Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962 Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Corson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeill
1963 Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W.M. Brown
1964 Bailey's Camp Boones Fork	E.O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
1965 Laurel Fork Laytown	E.O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W.M. Brown
1966 Longridge Mt. Paran	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
1967 Mt. Vernon New Hopewell	A.C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1968 Rock Springs Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
1969 Baileys Camp Boones Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	E.O. Bustle
1970 Laurel Fork Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	A.C. Moody
1971 Laytown Longridge	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Rayner Matheson
1972 Mt. Ephriam Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lewis Hodge
1973 Mt. Vernon New Hopewell	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Herring Crisp
1974 Rock Springs Sandy Flat	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
1975 Yellow Hill Bailey's Camp	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1976 Boones Fork Doe Ridge	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Raymond Turbyfill
1977 Laurel Fork Laytown	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Sherril Welborn
	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Gurney Robbins
	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	A.C. Moody
	Charles Craig	Mrs. Max West	Everette Watson
		Barbara West	Sherril Welborn
			Merle Johnson
			Dale Milstead
			Dean Hodges
			Max West
			A.C. Moody
			Lloyd Holman
			Raymond Hendrix
			Max West

1978 Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A.C. Moody
1979 Mount Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980 Mount Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1981 Rock Spring	Max West	Barbara West	Cannon Ward
Sandy Flat	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1982 Watauga	Max West	Barbara West	Jack White
Bailey Camp	Max West	Barbara West	Cecil Gragg
1983 Boone Fork	Jack White	Barbara West	Burl Jones
Doe Ridge	Jack White	Barbara West	J.R. Robbins
1984 Laurel Fork	Jack White	Linda Mills	Jack White
Laytown	Jack White	Linda Mills	Ed. Greene
1985 Longridge			
Mt. Ephriam	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Ed. Greene

The churches; Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Brother Elijah Trivette, Clerk.

Table A - Church Membership and Other Information

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION															
YEAR ENDING July 31 (Month & Day)															
1985															
Association															
Stony Fork															
North Carolina															
Director of Associational Missions															
None															
Address															
City State Zip															
PASTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)															
CHURCHES															
	Bailey's Camp	Caldwell	1958	1	X	0	0	8	53	25	78	0	0	40,000	0
	Boone Fork	Watauga	1872	1	X	0	0	0	28	0	28	0	0	60,000	0
	Doe Ridge	Watauga	1894	1	X	0	0	3	53	23	76	0	0	65,000	0
	Laurel Fork	Watauga	1855	1	X	5	4	1	130	21	151	0	0	150,000	37,763
	Laytown	Caldwell	1939	1	X	0	0	3	21	41	62	0	0	20,000	0
	Long Ridge	Avery	1945	1	X	0	0	0	43	17	60	0	0	50,000	0
	Mt. Ephraim	Watauga	1876	1	x	0	0	4	188	0	188	0	1	65,000	0
	Rock Spring	Wilkes	1891	1	X	0	4	2	122	0	122	0	0	150,000	0
	Sandy Flat	Watauga	1928	1	X	0	0	0	61	21	82	0	0		0
	TOTALS														
						5	8	21	699	148	847	0	1	600,000	37,763

Table B - Sunday School

TABLE B SUNDAY SCHOOL			YEAR ENDING		JULY 31		1985		(Month & Day)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Association			Stony Fork		North Carolina		Associational Study School Director		Mrs. Irene Clawson		Address		Rt. 5, Box 504		City		Boone		State		NC		Zip		28607																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
CHURCHES			Bailey's Camp		Robert Cook, Rt. 8		Lenoir NC 28645		3		2		2		4		4		4		2		16		9		0		0		0		0		0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
Boone Fork			Dale Luttrell, Rt. 1, Box 650		Blowing Rock NC 28605		0		0		4		7		0		13		0		0		13		0		0		4		0		28		25		0		38		0		0		0		0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
Doe Ridge			Archib Clawson, Rt. 5, Box 504		Boone NC 28607		0		0		3		0		7		0		12		0		12		0		0		0		0		22		15		0		220		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0			

Table C - Church Training

[illegible]

Table E - Woman's Missionary Union

[illegible]

Table H - Mission Expenditures

[illegible]

Table I - Special Information

TABLE 1 SPECIAL INFORMATION			YEAR ENDING		July 31		1985									
ANN. REP.			Month & Day													
Stony Fork																
State																
Moderator																
Address																
City			State		Zip											
Lenoir			NC		28645											
CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																
CHURCHES	No. church-type missions started during the year	No. church-type missions currently operating	No. other-type missions started during the year	No. other-type missions currently operating	No. New Sunday School currently operating	Members	Day Care enrollment	(?) Anne Armstrong Offering	Number of families committed to strengthen families emphasis	N = none R = radio TV = TV	No. in Sunday School but not church member	College student baptisms	N = NAS K = KJ I = NIV	Number enrolled in special ministries O = Other	Number of black members	
Bailey's Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	
Boone Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	223	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	
Doe Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	
Laurel Fork	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	
Laytown	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	N	7	0	0	0	0	
Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	
Mr. Ephraim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	
Rock Spring	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	370	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	
Sandy Flat	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	782	0	N	7	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS			0	1	0	11	0	1375	0	N	14	0	0	0	0	0

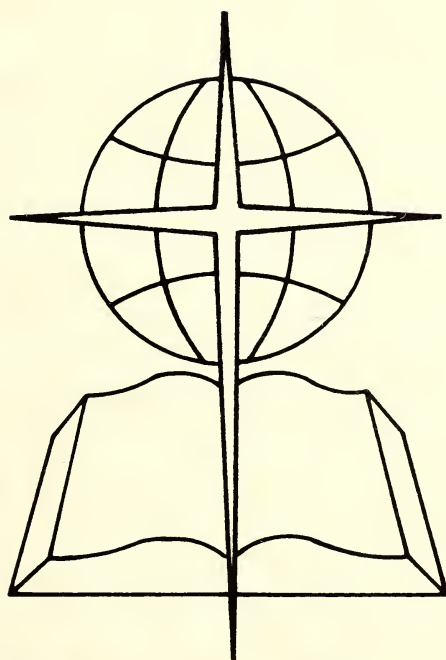
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NORTH CAROLINA
1986**

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With
Rock Spring Baptist Church
August 8, 1986

and with

Sandy Flat Baptist Church
August 9, 1986

Next session will be held with Bailey Camp, Lenoir, N. C. on Friday, August 7, 1987.

Second day will be with Boone Fork, Highway 221, Blowing Rock, N. C. on Saturday, August 8, 1987.

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1987 OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 7, 1987
BAILEY'S CAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order	J. R. Robbins
9:15	Song	Congregation
9:30	Adoption of Program	
9:35	Roll Call	Linda Mills
9:40	Recognition of New Pastors & Workers	Moderator
9:45	Evangelism	Archie Clawson
10:00	Cooperative Program	Pauline Eldreth
10:15	Home Missions	Doris Tester
10:30	State Missions	Rosetta Hollifield
10:45	Foreign Missions	Scott Church
11:15	Hospital Report	Jill Triplett
11:30	Annual Message	David Gragg or Alternate
	Lunch	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:10	Song	Congregation
1:15	Devotional	
1:25	Christian Education	Edith Gryder
1:35	Training Union	Charles Craig
1:45	Stewardship	Roy Gryder
2:00	Baptist Foundation	Dale Luttrell
2:15	Discussion	
2:30	Adjourn	

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 8, 1987
BOONE FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order	J. R. Robbins
9:05	Song	Congregation
9:10	Devotional	
9:20	Roll Call	Linda Mills
9:30	WMU Report	Eunice Luttrell
9:40	Temperance and Morals	
	Christian Action League	Everette Little
10:10	Vacation Bible School	Barbara West
10:20	Finance Report	Eunice Luttrell
10:30	Retirement Homes	Mamie Craig
10:45	Children's Homes	Carol Moody
11:00	Sunday School Report	Irene Clawson
11:15	Annual Message	Everette Little or Alternate
12:00	Executive Report	Moderator
12:10	General Board Report	J. R. Robbins
12:20	Resolutions	Nellie Coffey

12:30 Obituaries	Irene Dula
12:40 Election of Officers	
Business	
Lunch	

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator	Rev. J. R. Robbins, Rt. 5, Box 534, Lenoir, NC 28645
	Telephone: 704-785-8904
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Archie Clawson, Rt. 5, Box 504, Boone, NC 28607
	Telephone: 704-264-8070
Associational Clerk	Linda H. Mills, Rt. 1, Box 596, Blowing Rock, NC
	Telephone: 704-295-7095
Associational Treasurer .	Eunice Luttrell, Rt. 1, Box 650, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
Associational Sunday School Director ..	Mrs. Archie Clawson, Rt. 5, Box 504, Boone, NC 28607
	Telephone: 704-264-8070
Associational Church Training Director	Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone, NC 28607
	Telephone: 704-963-5512
Associational Music Ministry Director	Mrs. J. R. Robbins, Rt. 5, Box 543, Lenoir, NC 28645
	Telephone: 704-785-8904
Associational WMJ Director	Eunice Luttrell, Rt. 1, Box 650, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
	Telephone: 704-295-7732
Associational Evangelism Director	Rev. Archie Clawson, Rt. 5, Box 504, Boone, NC 28607
	Telephone: 704-264-8070
Assocational Stewardship Director	Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Box 182, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
	Telephone: 704-295-3410

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Luttrell	Rt. 1, Box 650, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
Linda Mills	Rt. 1, Box 596, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Gryder	Rt. 1, Box 181, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Archie Clawson	Rt. 5, Box 504, Boone, NC 28607
Rev. J. R. Robbins	Rt. 5, Box 534, Lenoir, NC 28645
Linda Mills	Rt. 1, Box 596, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
Eunice Luttrell	Rt. 1, Box 650, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Archie Clawson
Pastors of each church of the Association

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastors of each church

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composed of the Associational Officers and the pastors and the chairman of the deacons along with 2 elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum.

WMU OFFICERS

Director	Eunice Luttrell, Rt. 1, Box 650, Blowing Rock, NC 28605	Telephone: 704-295-7732
Assistant Director	Margaret Triplett, P. O. Box 97, Ferguson, NC 28624	Telephone: 919-973-4304
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara West, Rt. 1, Box 539, Blowing Rock, NC	Telephone: 704-264-2427
Baptist Women	Betty Wood, Rt. 2, Box 44, Ferguson, NC 28624	
Baptist Young Women	Linda Mills, Rt. 1, Box 596, Blowing Rock, NC	Telephone: 704-295-7095
Acteens	Mamie Craig, Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone, NC 28607	
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Boone Fork: Don Harrison, Sue Harrison, Maggie Earp, Jim Earp	
Doe Ridge: Archie Clawson, Irene Clawson, Junior Eldreth, Pauline Eldreth	
Laytown: Mrs. Nadine Holt, Sandra Osborne, Willard Bryant, Stella Bryant	
Long Ridge: Douglas Bare, Ronald Woodie, David Anthony	
Mt. Ephriam: Olan Miller, Ellen Hayes, Legett Greer	
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (PROPOSED)

PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE I—Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Section 2. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches.

Section 3. Any Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitution of the Churches Committee and the majority vote of members present at any meeting as prescribed in Article IX.

Section 4. Any Church at her discretion, may withdraw from this body.

Section 5. This Association may at any meeting, after an investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

Section 6. Each church shall elect its messengers to the Annual Associational meeting. Each messenger must be certified in the annual church letter to the Association and must be appointed on the following ratio: Five messengers, in addition to the pastor, for each church having a membership not exceeding fifty, and one additional messenger for each increase of fifty. In no case shall the total number of messengers exceed ten for any given church, in addition to the pastor.

Section 7. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two consecutive years, the missions committee shall confer with church, and if satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the next Executive Committee Meeting, the Association shall at that time by a majority of present members shall vote to withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

Section 8. The Annual Associational meeting shall convene on Friday at 9:00 a.m., Recess from 12:00 noon to 1:10 p.m. for the noon meal and adjourn on or before 4:00 p.m. It shall reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and adjourn at the completion of business for the noon meal. This following the first Sunday in August.

ARTICLE II—Purpose

Section 1. The prime purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's kingdom and to promote unity and growth among the churches composing it.

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of this Association to enlist all of the churches into full cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of missions, evangelism, christian education and social service.

ARTICLE III—Powers and Perogatives

Section 1. The Association, when convened in meeting, shall sit as an advisory council and shall have no power to infringe on any of the internal rights or affairs of the member churches. It may advise however, with the member churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption or rejection.

Section 2. When grievances occur between any member of minority group of any church which is a member of the Association, the Association, the Executive Committee, or Missions Committee, or the committee designated by and acting for either of these bodies, may advise or give aid in matters which do not infringe on the rights of the local church, and this only on the invitation of the individual or group involved.

Section 3. Any church found unfaithful to the faith and practices common to the Association, as outlined in Addendum I—ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963) shall be encouraged to correct such errors, if the conduct of said church is not corrected and is of such nature as to alienate said church from the orderly and faithful churches of the Association, the Executive Committee of the Association can recommend that fellowship be withdrawn from said church, and upon a majority vote of the messengers in an Annual session, fellowship with such church can be withdrawn. (See Article I, Section 7)

ARTICLE IV—The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Association shall have an Executive Committee to serve as the Association between Annual Meetings, assisting in the overall work of the Association with such limitations as may be imposed by the constitution.

Section 2. The Executive committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the Pastors, and the Chairman of Deacons along with two elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum. The names of these persons shall be furnished annually to the Associational Clerk, if changes occur during the Associational year, these changes shall be forwarded to the Clerk.

Section 3. At the beginning of each Executive Committee Meeting, a roll call will be taken of each church and its representatives.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet within two weeks after the Annual Associational Meeting, the second Sunday of November, March, and July. These meetings shall be held in churches of the Association, consecutively, in Alphabetical order.

ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, W.M.U. Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Music Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Youth Coordinator.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected at each regular Annual Associational Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall fill vacancies that may occur in their respective categories between annual meetings of the association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Section 3. By the virtue of the office, the Associational Director of Missions is considered an ex-officio member of all Associational Committees. For all qualifications and terms of office see Article VII, Section 1.

ARTICLE VI—Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association to preside over the Annual Sessions, special sessions, and at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall provide leadership for a progressive ideal throughout the association. He shall be elected for a one year term, and he shall not succeed himself for a maximum of two full terms. He shall appoint in advance any other committees he may deem necessary or advisable. Each of these committees shall report at the Annual Meeting for which they are appointed. It shall be the responsibility of the Moderator to call any needed meetings at any time he deems necessary. The Moderator is considered an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence or at his request.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in regular and special sessions; to keep accurate records of quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee; to keep on file the printed minutes and other important documents belonging to the Association; to furnish the churches with the blank letter forms on which to make the annual reports to the association; to superintend the printing of the minutes, and to distribute them to the churches as soon after adjournment as possible. For this service the clerk shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the association and to disburse the same in accordance with the budget of the association or for the purposes for which the funds were contributed. To render to the association an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements at the first session of the annual meeting. In the treasurer's absence a member of the Finance Committee shall give the report. The Treasurer shall make available through the associational newsletter a quarterly report including the contributions of each church in the association. A quarterly report shall be made available at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. For this service, the treasurer shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 5. The Sunday School Director shall take the initiative in promoting inspirational meetings, study courses, and leadership classes for the churches of the association. He shall work in cooperation with the denominational Sunday School Agencies in promoting the denominational programs; and he will be responsible for coordinating and promoting Vacation Bible School work in conjunction with the Vacation Bible Director. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 6. The Church Training Director shall take the initiative in promoting the regular meetings projected by the State Convention and be available to the churches for help in strengthening the established unions and encourage the organization of new unions in churches without them. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 7. The Brotherhood Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary education within our association and be available to the churches to assist in strengthening organizations and programs of existing units. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 8. The WMU Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary

education within our association and she shall be available to the churches to assist in promoting and establishing new Baptist Women and Baptist Women Auxiliary units, and shall assist in strengthening the organizations and programs of existing units. She shall also work with the Nomination Committee in enlisting leadership for her organization.

Section 9. The Vacation Bible Director shall work in conjunction with the Associational Sunday School Director in enlisting and training workers, planning and organizing for the annual Vacation Bible School Clinic.

Section 10. The Music Director shall take the initiative in promoting the meetings and activities suggested by the state music leadership and be available to the churches to help in strengthening their music programs. The music director will also be responsible for the music at the Associational and Executive Committee Meetings. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 11. The Pianist will be responsible for playing the piano at all Associational and Executive Committee meetings.

Section 12. The Evangelism Chairman will work with the Evangelism programs in planning, promoting, and coordinating all Evangelistic activities for the association in conjunction with the Director of Missions.

ARTICLE VII—Director of Missions

Statement of Purpose and Position Title:

The office or position will be known as the Director of Missions for the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association. The Director of Missions shall provide responsible leadership in the work of the association through performing such basic functions as the planning, correlation, and implementation of programs, program services, and ministries of the association; counsel the churches; agencies of needs, problems, and potentialities within the association; and interpret to the churches the program resources and other assistance available from the Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Section 1. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Planning and Coordination

1. Lead the association in strategy planning; establishing and maintaining a long-range program. Lead the association to set goals and encourage the churches to work toward them.

2. Coordinate the associational work and meetings by serving as ex-officio member of all committees.

3. Work with program officers and the Nominating Committee in selecting and enlisting leaders for organizations and committees of the association.

4. Counsel, encourage, and lead in training the associational officers.

B. Education and Promotion

1. Seek to assist the pastors and the churches in programs suitable for their growth and development, recognizing the differences in size and diversity of membership, utilizing persuasion to promote fellowship and cooperation.

2. Seek out in cooperation with the Missions Committee places of missions need and seek to enlist an appropriate church to meet these needs. In the event no church(es) can be enlisted, upon the instruction of the Missions Committee, the Director of Missions may lead in such a program in the name of the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

3. Promote church organizational programs: Sunday School, Church Training,

Church Music, Brotherhood, WMU, and Vacation Bible School and Leadership Training.

4. Promote church assistance programs: Evangelism, Stewardship, and Family Life.

5. Plan for and promote simultaneous efforts, such as: World Missions Conferences, revival crusades, enlargement campaigns, training schools, etc.

6. Prepare in cooperation with the Missions Committee an annual associational calendar. Prepare a monthly associational newsletter for distribution in the association.

7. Attend denominational meetings and conferences as budget and time considerations permit.

8. Report to the executive boards at its regular meetings and to the association in annual session.

C. Service Ministry

1. Provide counsel and help as requested by pastors and churches.

2. Serve as pulpit supply, assist in church surveys, and conduct studies and revivals as requested in keeping with terms of employment. Pulpit supply for a period of 4 weeks.

3. Manage the associational office, supervise associational employees, and maintain equipment of the association.

4. Cooperate with the Finance Committee in planning the budget and promoting giving to the association.

5. Establish and announce office hours to best utilize the division of time between the associational office and field responsibilities.

6. Always working through the pastor, the Director of Missions will be available to offer aid to churches in need of assistance. No program will be conducted for a church without the invitation of the pastor and/or church. In the event the church is without a pastor, the Director of Missions will respond to requests from the church leadership.

Section 2. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

A. Term of Office—The Director of Missions shall be called for an indefinite term of service.

B. Remuneration—Remuneration will be recommended by the Missions and Finance Committees and approved by the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

C. Honorariums—Honorariums received for pulpit supply, weddings, funerals, revivals, and pastoral service, not directly related to his normal responsibilities, shall be considered personal remuneration.

D. Work Schedule—Work schedules will vary, with weekends normally being kept for services in churches in the association.

E. Work Accountability—The Missions Committee pledges itself to a ministry of loyalty, support, and loving encouragement of the Director of Missions, so that under the leadership of the Spirit of God, he may render the most effective service possible.

F. Both parties must give a thirty day notice before termination.

Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Spiritual—A committed Christian with a sense of definite call to mission service.

B. Educational—Preferably college and seminary degrees, or their equivalent.

C. Special Knowledge and Skills—Knowledge of Baptist denominational life and a willingness to continue to learn; vision, flexibility, and demonstrated leadership ability in planning, conducting, and evaluating the work of the association.

D. Character—Christian integrity.

E. Experience—Pastoral ministry, Christian education or associational and other mission experience are necessary. Preferably the associational experience should be as a director of missions, associational staff member or as an active and responsible officer in an association. The mission experience may be in the establishment of and involvement in mission outreach and ministry in a mission, church or association.

ARTICLE VIII—Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. The committee of time, place and preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of the committee to recommend to the association, the churches where the next session will be held, preferably to be taken in alphabetical order, and also the preacher for the annual session. In order to alleviate any hardship on any one church hosting as associational meeting, it is suggested that two churches may jointly host each meeting. Expenses, meeting places, and other arrangements will be coordinated by the churches selected.

Section 2. The committee on Resolutions shall be composed of two members. It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or as directed by the messengers of the association.

Section 3. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the association. When adopted, the program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by the vote of the body.

Section 4. The committee of Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare for the association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices and reports: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Brotherhood Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Associational State Representatives, also persons for the following reports shall also be selected; Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Stewardship, Cooperative Program, Obituaries, Temperance and Morals, V.B.S. Report, W.M.U. Report, Sunday School Report, and any others designated by the association. Representatives for the following shall be selected: N.C. Baptist Hospital, N.C. Childrens Home, Baptist Home for the Aging, Denominational Colleges (Christian Education), Denominational Literature (Religious Literature), Annuity Board, Baptist Foundation, and any others designated by the association. The committee on Nominations shall be responsible for selection and contacting each of these persons for their approval before the annual meeting. The floor shall be open for nominations for these offices on the day of the annual meeting; each position shall be called and voted on separately. Nominations from the floor shall be taken first, then the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall give nomination of committee. All nominees must be contacted beforehand and permission given for acceptance of nomination. The W.M.U. will elect their officers.

Section 5. The Finance Committee shall be composed of five members, one of which will include the Treasurer of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and recommend a budget for the association and to suggest ways and means whereby the budget can be raised by the local churches and to secure the cooperation of the churches in raising the budget. The Finance committee will present the proposed budget on the first day of the annual associational meeting with discussion and adoption scheduled for the second day. The Finance Committee shall meet prior to the quarterly Executive Committee Meeting and shall

prepare on a regular form acceptable to the association, a detailed financial report which will be given to each member present at the quarterly meetings and the annual associational meeting.

Section 6. The Missions Committee shall be composed of five members and this committee shall report to and cooperate with the Executive Committee of the association. The duties of this committee are: (a) to coordinate and help promote through the organizations and committees all phases and activities of the associational programs, (b) to cooperate with the local churches in making surveys of areas which in the opinion of the Missions Committee are being adequately served by the local missionary Baptist work, and to promote and develop those new phases of the Missions programs, (c) to serve in advisory capacity to the Director of Missions in all matters pertaining to his work and to serve with him in directing and promoting the missions programs of the association, (d) to provide information and assistance to the departments of State Missions of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in meeting local missionary needs, such as Missionary pastor's assistance, promoting mission's causes, etc., (e) the Missions Committee shall meet prior to the Executive Committee of the Association or at any time necessary to discharge its duties, (f) this committee shall have the following responsibilities relating to the office of Director of Missions:

1. Serve as a search committee for a Director of Missions.
2. Recommend to the Executive Committee the name of the nominee.
3. Coordinate financial matters with the Baptist State Convention.
4. Serve as a liaison between the churches and the Director of Missions.

Section 7. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be composed of the Missions Committee and one selected layperson of the association making six members. It shall be the duty of this committee to review and update the Constitution and By-Laws as it becomes necessary. This committee will recommend revisions and amendments concerning the constitution and By-laws to the association as deemed necessary. They shall meet at least once a year before the annual meeting to review and discuss the constitution.

Section 8. The committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the churches

ARTICLE IX—Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches

The Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches shall be made up of the Missions Committee members.

Section 1. Any group of baptized believers in Christ desiring to organize themselves into a missionary Baptist church with the purpose of seeking the recognition of and fellowship and cooperate with this association, shall be required to fulfill the following requirements. They shall submit their request for admission to the Director of Missions or the Moderator of the Association, who will in turn forward it to the Committee of Petitionary Letters. In addition to the letter of request, a church must also furnish a report of work accomplished since its organization, a copy of the church covenant, and its articles of faith.

Section 2. Any church seeking admission into the fellowship of the Association must be under the watchcare of the Association for a period of one year before it can be admitted. During this interim period, the church shall be expected to have part in the support of the causes fostered by the association, The North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 3. The findings of the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall be reported at the annual associational meeting or at the Executive Committee meeting with a recommendation either for or against admission.

Section 4. If the church is accepted under the watchcare of the association, the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall recommend at the end of the year that the church be accepted into full fellowship provided that examination of that years work done and a study of the cooperative spirit of that church proves to be in accordance to the principles of the churches of the association. A two-thirds majority vote of the Messengers or Executive Committee members present shall be needed for such an action to be completed. There will be an appropriate program conducted during the annual meeting to formally welcome this new church into the association.

Section 5. For a sister cooperative Missionary Baptist church that is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, that wishes to join or transfer status, the same procedure is needful with the exception of the one year of associational watchcare. Upon receipt of letter of request, the Committee of Petitions shall recommend its findings to the Executive Committee, and after a thirty day period of investigation the discretion of the Executive Committee shall be used if immediate acceptance of fellowship is possible. If accepted, a program of welcoming shall be presented at the annual associational meeting.

ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution or any part of the constitution shall be amended at the annual associational meeting in August, with the acceptance by two-thirds majority vote. It is suggested that all changes and recommendations of amendments be submitted two months prior to annual meeting in August, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their careful consideration; however, any messenger has the right to submit proposed changes in accordance with this article.

By-Laws

1. All associational meetings shall be opened and closed in prayer.
2. "Roberts Rules of Order," shall be used as a guideline for parliamentary procedure in all associational meetings. The Moderator will be responsible for having a copy of same at all meetings and a copy of parliamentary procedure and the gavel of the association shall be transferred upon succession of the moderator.
3. All associational officers shall exercise authority over their departments and shall give a financial accounting to the Finance Committee for monies expended.
4. Election and installation of officers shall take place on the last day of the annual associational meeting in August, and these officers shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and providing leadership for the coming year in the association.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Time, Place and Preacher Committee will be amended to the hosting church pastor or a preacher of his choice will be the preacher for the associational meetings. Committee membership will be filled according to the number of people participating in associational work.

PROCEEDINGS

On August 8, 1986, the Stony Fork Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. R. Robbins, who welcomed everyone to Rock Spring Baptist Church for the 125 annual session of the association. The congregation sang "Blest Be the Ties" and devotion was led by J. R. Robbins who read John 17: 9-26. Prayer was led by Roy Gryder. The program was adopted with revisions to be made as necessary for the convenience of the presenters and speakers. Eight churches were represented the first day with a total of 31 in attendance. Doug Bare of Long Ridge, Everette Little of Boone Fork, and David Gragg of Bailey's Camp were recognized as new pastors in the association.

The following reports were moved for adoption and approved after being read.

John Ward from Dallas, Texas was present to speak on the Annuity Board and in the interest of time wished to speak first. Insurance and retirement are the main interests of the Annuity Board. Three churches in Stony Fork Association are in the Church Annuity Plan. Every church should look toward having your pastor in the program. Many pastors live in a parsonage and when they retire they will need a place to live. The time to get ready is now. The program has two sections 1. Protection in which the SBC pays for this if the church contributes a certain amount and includes disability, survival benefits. 2. Retirement plan which is 100% vested, church should contribute 10% of salary today because of inflation rate.

expanded Church Annuity Plan

—JANUARY 1988

INDIVIDUAL—Ideal 5%

Minimum to Secure
State Maximum—\$420

2 FOR 1 MATCH

CHURCH—Ideal 10%

Minimum to Secure
State Maximum—\$840

STATE CONVENTION

Match 1/2 of Church
Up to Maximum—\$420

First \$210 Provides
* Death Benefit
* Disability

BALANCE
(up to \$210)

INDIVIDUAL'S ACCOUNT

Funds
*FIXED
*BALANCED
*SHORT TERM
*VARIABLE

Retirement Options*

(Selected By The Individual
At Time Of Retirement)

What is relative amount of benefit
under the options as compared with
a Joint Life/50% Survivorship annuity?

	Per Mo.
If the JL/50% Surv. member age 65, spouse age 63	100.00 %
JL/50% Surv. w/10yr. certain is	99.87 %
JL/50% Surv. w/20yr. certain is	99.02 %
JL/100% Surv. is	93.66 %
JL/100% Surv. w/10yr. certain is	93.42 %
JL/100% Surv. w/20yr. certain is	91.97 %
10-yr. Fixed Period Benefit is	132.31 %
15-yr. Fixed Period Benefit is	108.36 %
20-yr. Fixed Period Benefit is	97.86 %

*NOTE: There are other options

EVANGELISM REPORT

I think our motto should be "win the lost at any cost." The Bible says in II Timothy 4:5, Do the work of an evangelist. Make full proof of the ministry. The Bible also says in John 4:35, Say not ye there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest. Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. The Lord is warning us that time is short, although we have more churches, more preachers and more money. The words of Jeremiah rings louder than ever. The harvest is past, summer is ended, and still our people are not saved.

There are millions of chronic alcoholics in America. Many are teenagers under 14 years of age. There is much concern about the problems that are arising from drugs. Crime continues to increase at such an alarming rate. It threatens to wreck our entire society. But it is not too late. Man can still find God.

We are living in an age of grace. But this period of grace will not go on for ever, as even at this hour we are living on borrowed time. Let us work while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work, John 9:4.

Respectfully submitted,
Archie Clawson

Mr. Clawson spoke to this report. Pastors get discouraged and need someone behind us pushing and helping. We need to evangelize the world. May God help us all to work together.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

John 4:35 says, Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest: Behold, I say unto you lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. Do we as the Stony Fork Association look upon the world as a field white already to harvest? The Cooperative Program is the program the Southern Baptist work through to reap the fields that are white to harvest.

In 1985 we had 7 churches in the Stony Fork Association that gave \$5,685.00 to the Cooperative Program. We has an increase of \$618.00 over 1984. We thank God for the gain.

If we could all get vision of the field that is white already to havest we would all pray, work and give more that we might see the lost of the world saved.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Eldreth

Mrs. Charlotte Dawson commented that she thanked God for the Cooperative Program and thinks the money goes where God wants it to go. She is thankful for all our pastors and their work.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS AND SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Gifts through the Cooperative Program actually received by business office of the Baptist State Convention for the period listed below.

Check this with your church records and please report any difference to O. D. Martin, Jr., P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, NC 27611.

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS FROM THE CHURCHES FOR
BAPTIST CAUSES SHOWN AS DESIGNATED**

Churches Name	Cooperative Program			Designated	
	Current Quarter	Total To Date Above	To Date Last Year	Current Quarter	To Date Above
Baileys Camp	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Boone Fork	.00	193.00	388.32	516.26	516.26
Doe Ridge	23.95	96.45	33.82	68.60	68.60
Laytown	.00	151.88	135.60	120.00	170.00
Long Ridge	414.26	872.26	713.00	.00	.00
Mount Ephriam	220.65	393.65	440.73	.00	.00
Mount Paron	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Mount View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Hopewell	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Rock Spring	643.38	1,012.29	830.92	553.61	642.23
Rock View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Sandy Flat	69.46	69.46	111.09	1,292.85	1,292.85
Other Than Church	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total	1,371.70	2,789.27	2,653.48	2,551.32	2,689.94

HOME MISSIONS U.S.A.

The Home Mission Board, in cooperation with state conventions, supports 3,635 personnel working in all 50 states, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa and Canada.

Sharing Christ's love is what home missions is all about. And home missions personnel—from police chaplains to church starters—go about it in many ways. You'll see some of these ways in this report on the Home Mission Board's three objectives: evangelism, church starting and ministry.

More than 156 million people in the United States do not know Christ as Savior. Many towns and counties have no evangelical church. Millions are functionally illiterate, without jobs, without dignity, without hope. The Home Mission Board, 3,635 home missions personnel and 49,728 volunteers are committed to meeting these spiritual and physical needs.

But they can't do it alone. They need your help to reach the Bold Mission Thrust goal of sharing the gospel with every person in the United States by A.D. 2000. Last year 40% of our churches had no revival meetings of any kind; 40% recorded no visitation program whatsoever; 37% have no current prospect file.

Our churches are doing a lot of good things, but when it gets down to confronting people with the claims of Christ, we are not getting as much of that done. Not even from the pulpit.

So look carefully at home missions work. Then decide how you can become involved in missions right where you live. If you have concerns or interests write and let us know. We value your support and your ideas, and we want you to be a part of Missions USA.

Respectfully submitted
Doris Tester

Mr. Randy Gibson spoke to this report. He worked in the Home Mission Program in Flint, Michigan while a student in the summer missionary program. He did community surveys for evangelism, had camp meetings each night and saw 3 churches started as a result of this and many people saved. He encouraged pastors to support the Home Mission Board programs.

STATE MISSIONS

There is a great work being done through the Baptist State Missions. It is made possible by gifts through the Cooperative Program and N. C. Mission Offerings.

Some of the state missions are: our Baptist Hospital, homes for the aged, childrens homes, resort missions, ministries to the blind, deaf and handicapped.

Fruitland Institute has been very important in the training and preparing of our ministers. There are many Fruitland graduates serving in our state as ministers.

State missions make many direct mission and opportunities that would not be funded otherwise. We need to pray and give as much as we can to support the work of our State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosetta Hollifield

The moderator mentioned N. C. State work in Togo where a bridge is being constructed and wells dug. Jim Lambert, former area missionary is in Togo, West Africa now.

Sue Fitzgerald from Mars Hill College spoke next. Her scripture was I Corinthians 3: 5-9. You plant, we try to water. Our mutual task is sharing the gospel, helping to grow nurturing them, helping them to be participating Christians. Colleges water the work you planted. We have been given the task to nurture. Nurture the intellectual, physical and spiritual sides of the students. You are a part of our student body. The college takes seriously each church. The resource center has materials concerning each aspect of church work. You can write to me and I will mail you a packet of information on any material including samples on any program you are interested in. If your church is making a study and you need extra help, call or write me. We have information on family problems, WMU, Youth, missions. Each person is important in our churches. Size of the church is not important. Your colleges feel the same way you do and try to reach each student. Financial aid is available if you have someone interested in attending our Christian colleges. We work, we plan but God gives the increase and God gets the glory.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

THE WORLD IN VIEW

Where do you turn when your world falls in?

For millions of people, this was not a rhetorical question in 1985—Mexicans who saw their homes, businesses, hospitals tumble in an earthquake; Colombians who lost a city to tons of mud; Africans still being ravaged by years of starvation.

Many lives were permanently changed in 1985. But those 12 months were also time of rebuilding, taking on problems, getting life back together.

Southern Baptist missionaries working beside local brothers and sisters in Christ responded to hunger and loss as part of their ongoing ministries. New initiatives in worldwide evangelization, responsiveness to the gospel message in South Korea, the Philippines and other places were also evident.

"Lives were changed in 1985—some of the lost were saved, homeless found homes, the lonely found families, the unloved found love, God's love," says Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks. "And our visions were expanded as we saw anew how Southern Baptist can be used by God to make an even greater impact on the world's people. It was a steppingstone to a new stage in missions, a new level of reaching out to the people of the world in Jesus' name."

AT A GLANCE

Overseas highlights:

- An average of 435 persons baptized per day.
- Overseas Baptists' membership topped 2 million.
- A 10 percent increase in theological student enrollment.
- More than 20 million pieces of literature produced.
- More than 100 million persons saw Baptist TV programs and 133 million heard Baptist radio broadcasts.

Foreign Missions Board highlights:

- An historic meeting among leaders of Baptist conventions that send missionaries.
- A record 429 missionaries appointed.
- Almost \$12 million given for hunger and disaster relief.
- 6,759 Southern Baptist volunteers went overseas.
- A new channel for volunteers to work in countries where missionaries cannot live and work.
- Mission work opened in the 106th country.

More than 158,000 of the world's people found Christ in 1985 through Foreign Mission Board-related efforts.

Southern Baptists gave as never before to help meet physical needs overseas—almost \$12 million in 1985—and a record number went overseas as volunteers.

It was a banner year for our brother and sisters in Christ overseas and for you because of the part you played in Southern Baptist foreign missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Scott Church

J. R. Robbins commented that he visited the Foreign Mission Board and the training center for foreign missionaries where they are trained to the different living conditions they will be facing in the field. Only 12% of the money designated to the FMB is used for administering the program in the United States while 88% goes to the foreign mission field.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1986

During the past year, Baptist Hospital admitted 23,535 patients for a total of 195,243 days of patient care. These patients came from all across North Carolina, from 31 other states and the District of Columbia. Eight patients came from outside the United States. An additional 252,043 ambulatory patients were seen in the outpatient clinics and the emergency department.

These people came to Baptist Hospital because it has the medical expertise and the technical equipment required to provide the tertiary health care they needed. For example, Baptist Hospital surgeons successfully removed a relatively rare tumor from the interior surface of a woman's heart. Plastic surgeons were able to remove scar tissue and restore hair growth for a child who lost 40% of her hair-bearing scalp in a kitchen fire. Around-the-clock efforts of surgeons saved the lives of 9 young people who drank potassium hydroxide (lye) thinking it was wine.

Carbon dioxide laser is now being used to treat some cases of early cancer of vocal cords, usually leaving patients with normal or near normal speech. Four types of lasers are used in treating problems of the eye.

A new lithotripter uses high energy shock waves to break up large kidney stones. This alternative to surgery saves money, pain and recovery time for many patients. Most patients can be discharged the day after treatment and can return to work within a week after therapy.

During the past year, the medical center has begun an emergency helicopter service to transport victims of trauma to the hospital more rapidly and also to transfer patients from one hospital to another. The helicopter not only provides faster transportation but is equipped and staffed to provide emergency care for patients while they are in transit.

The School of Pastoral Care continues its outreach through its satellite centers in Fayetteville, Morganton and Charlotte with opportunities also in other communities such as North Wilkesboro, Lenoir, Asheville and Rockingham. (The Raleigh Center has become independent.) These centers, together with the one in Winston-Salem, provided 24,553 hours of counseling during the past year. Chaplains in the hospital made 56,460 visits with patients, families and employees. The School of Pastoral Care provided clinical pastoral education to 694 ministers and trainees through a total of 71 CPE programs.

The medical center's \$150 million facilities expansion program is on schedule and within budget. New facilities expansion program is on schedule and within budget. New facilities will include a new patient tower, a new clinical services building, an addition to the research facilities and a building to house the magnetic resonance imaging scanner.

During the past fiscal year, Baptist churches of North Carolina gave \$566,307 through the Cooperative Program and \$374,238 through the North Carolina Missions Offering. These gifts help make possible two of the distinctive ministries of the hospital: pastoral care and benevolent care. For these, the staff and the patients are most grateful to North Carolina Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Triplett

ANNUAL MESSAGE

The annual message was preached by Scott Church. Daniel 3: 1-30. Faithfulness. Nebuchadnezzar was a ruler of many people looking to seduce the people. He had power and authority to have a huge god built. He was a madman with an evil heart. He had an evil plan to make these people worship his god. If they did not he would dispose of them. He was faithful to the ways of the world and evil. The Chaldeans wanted to get rid of the Jews because they were faithful to evil and wanted to get rid of their enemies, the Jews. But Shadrach, Meshack, Abednego knew what to expect from their God. They were faithful to Him. Today, we are not faithful to our God as those men were. Preachers are afraid to preach God's word. We are not faithful. They would not bow to any other god. We've bent and bowed down to every other god but the one true God. They trusted God. They knew He was faithful. We need people today, faithful to God. I see a God looking to save the world, a God with divine ability. The three knew they were serving a God able to save the helpless. They were helpless but came out of the fire alive. God has the ability to reveal his presence. Nebuchadnezzar saw Him in the furnace and recognized Him as the Son of God. The three were free because they trusted God. When you are unbound you can walk around free. We must be faithful to a divine God with a divine aim—to save the world. God did this great miracle to show his power and might and that there is only one God. We wander through life never realizing that God is all powerful. We never see His grace and love or experience it. God is faithful to the faithful. He is not faithful to the half-faithful. He won't honor our prayers or work. Faithful lives show the presence of God. We need faithful preachers, teachers, deacons, all Christians. We need a few more who are faithful like these three men were.

Benediction

Dismissed for lunch

After a wonderful lunch and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ we reassembled for the afternoon session. After a congregational song, Everette Little conducted devotion from Psalm 43: 1-5.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST COLLEGE REPORT—1986 CAMPBELL—CHOWAN—GARDNER-WEBB—MARS HILL

1887	1848	1905	1856
MEREDITH — WAKE FOREST — WINGATE			
1891	1834	1895	

North Carolina is a recognized leader in Christian higher education. Baptists have established and supported seven colleges for a cumulative total of 786 years. Leaders who formed the Baptist State Convention in 1830 did so with founding a college in mind. Baptists and their colleges have grown up together in North Carolina. The histories of the Convention, the churches and the colleges are inseparably intertwined.

The "roll call" of colleges, and a brief mention of current items of interest and concern, are listed for the benefit of the associations:

Campbell—During 1986, there is a special observance of the centennial year, using as a theme "A Century of Vision and Service." The new School of Pharmacy will open in the fall, and a School of Education has been established for graduate studies. Programs are offered in Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Fort Bragg, Sanford, and in Wales and Malaysia.

Chowan—Enjoys a national reputation as a two year institution of high quality. President Bruce E. Whitaker was recently named as one of the 17 most effective chief college administrators in the nation. Chowan is engaged in a four million dollar campaign for additional student aid, scholarship assistance and program support.

Gardner-Webb—On May 31, 1986, Dr. Craven E. Williams completed his tenure as president, begun in July, 1976. On June 1, Dr. M. Christopher White, Vice-President of Elon College, became the 10th president of Gardner-Webb. Included in its many educational programs are assistance for deaf and blind students who wish to earn a college degree.

Mars Hill—A comprehensive revision of the General Studies curriculum, to be implemented in the fall of 1987, includes statements of convictions by the faculty. Included in these are the centrality of Christian faith, morals and purposeful life, responsible citizenship and the value of work. Scholarships to attract superior students continues to be a major emphasis.

Meredith—"Thorough instruction" and "culture made perfect through the religion of Jesus Christ" are central to the college mission. Extensive studies during 1986 resulted in a reaffirmation of Meredith's commitment to education for women in both undergraduate and graduate programs. Construction of the Gaddy-Hamrick Art Center was begun in June.

Wake Forest—Conversations continue between Convention leaders and university trustees to clarify the basis for a continuing relationship. Founded in 1834 by North Carolina Baptists, Wake Forest is acknowledged as a superior university among church-related schools in the nation.

Wingate—Looking toward its one hundredth anniversary in 1995, the college has entered a 10-year, 30 million dollar "Second Century: Vision for Excellence" campaign. Numerous building, renovation and beautification projects are planned, in addition to library expansion, faculty support and student financial aid.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Gryder

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BAPTIST STUDENTS AND BAPTIST COLLEGES BELONG TOGETHER

Garland Hendrix spoke to the Christian Education report and Annuity Board Report. There are 4 questions you should ask your church: What would happen if your pastor died next week? What would happen if your pastor came down with something to disable him next month? What would happen if a member of your pastor's family ran up a \$50,000 hospital bill? Will your pastor live in dignity or poverty when he retires?

There are two new programs at Gardner-Webb, a program for senior citizens and a program for young people still in high school. Life, lets enjoy it in a Christian way is the theme for these programs. N. C. has the best network of Baptist colleges and universities in the world. More than 15,000 students are enrolled, more than 19,000 including part-time students. We have night classes for people who work and can only attend school at night. This includes classes in sign language, handbells and choir. There is a program called "Life Long Learners" for preachers who will be invited to hear special speakers in day long sessions. Let's support our schools with our prayers, money and young people.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We have, in these two days of this meeting, heard reports on nearly every facet of Baptist work in our association, the State Convention and around the world. In reporting on stewardship I would like to suggest to you that every report heard in the 125th annual session of the Stony Fork Baptist Association is a report on stewardship.

Whatever the program, great or small, that programs success or failure is a result of the success or failure of stewardship of Baptist people.

We hear the word stewardship and think of our money. May I point out that we are obligated to be good stewards of things that God has given us other than our dollars.

De we share our prayers? Every missionary I ever met has asked for prayers. They know that when God's people are faithful in prayer that faithfulness in financial support will follow.

Are we good stewards of the gospel? Have we used the message of God's salvation as well as we could?

There are many examples of the things that God has provided that we can and should learn to manage well. I would like for those of us here today to ask ourselves if we are being good stewards of the ability to communicate. Are we telling others in our churches about what our association and our convention is doing? I call on each of us here to carry the vision of what Baptists are doing and, more importantly, what Baptist can do, back to our churches. If each of us can keep unquenched the flame of a vision of a world for Christ, we can change things.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gryder

Speaker to this report was James Kirk, missionary in Brazil for 37 years. All of his children are involved in God's work. Your gifts and prayers begin working around the world when you lay them on the altar. Missionaries do not get a salary as such but support includes housing, food and retirement. Feel encouraged that you have churches who are cooperating in the Cooperative Program. If the earth is the Lord's and everything on it, where does that put us? We are stewards. Southern Baptists last year gave 3 billion, 6 million to missions, but value of property is 5 times this. "Where your treasure is also where your heart is."

Time—we must reexamine our priorities. The church is the body of Christ. There are 1054 members in Stony fork Association, 604 nonresident members, 571 attend with some degree of regularity but 43 do not attend in this area. Participation in church is a privilege and a responsibility. 54% do not study God's word according to your reports. Church training—doctrine studies, only 2 churches in Stony Fork have this. Only 3 churches in Stony Fork Association have WMU with an average of 6 ladies in every church promoting mission programs.

FOUNDATION REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS, 1986

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. SERVES CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS

The purpose and objective of the Baptist Foundation has been, from the date of its incorporation and by the terms of its charter, to assist individual Baptists to find ways of continuing their support of all Baptist causes—institutions, agencies, mission causes—with estate and deferred gifts. As a result, trust funds are now administered which benefit local churches, associations, specific mission objects and offerings, and every agency, school, and institution supported by Baptists.

In 1985, North Carolina Baptists placed over one million dollars in new trust agreements with the Foundation, making provision for the perpetual support of practically every Baptist cause. Endowment of Cooperative Program was a primary trust designation.

It is now possible through the Foundation for each Baptist to "Give it Twice," once to family, then to Kingdom causes. Through properly constructed trusts and Wills, family members and friends can receive from one's estate, over a period of years, an amount exactly equal to, or even greater than the estate portion they would normally receive through an ordinary estate distribution. With the "Give it Twice" plan, after the family receives their portion, the entire estate principal is still intact, with the income from the entire estate available for Christian causes—forever. If giving is exciting for the Christian, giving it twice is surely twice as exciting!

An indirect, but profound benefit of Foundation services to the local church has been the enhancement of individual stewardship growth and commitment. In nearly every instance, those who elect to commit to Kingdom use a portion of their estate assets, are during their lifetime more committed stewards. They *enjoy* their giving, and this happy, conscious stewardship dedication must be a profit for the church.

The Foundation seeks to inform Baptist people of:

1. Their responsibility as stewards to make provision for the future use of their resources.
2. The critical need experienced by all Baptist causes for endowment support—the ongoing, assured support of those who support them now.
3. Ways by which these realities may be met and accomplished.
4. Counsel in wise decisions for endowing *any* Baptist cause—for instance, the Foundation may discourage a trust for a cemetery fund if the church already receives more funds than are needed to maintain that cemetery.

Specifically, the local church may be benefitted in these ways:

1. Members are encouraged to name local church in their Wills. A percent of the estate is usually preferred, rather than a dollar amount.

2. The church may receive real estate in a Life Estate agreement. The individual deeds to the church certain property, or a portion of such property, maintaining all rights and responsibilities to it for life or for a designated period, and then the property becomes that of the church.
3. Appreciated property and securities, "E" bonds, church bonds, bank shares, and nearly any property of value can be transferred into a trust which can benefit the individual and the church—now or at a future date.
4. The Foundation assists churches in establishing their own endowment, memorials, or Planned Giving committees, then works with the committee to promote estate stewardship among the people. The Foundation can—and does—serve as fiscal agent, managing the memorial funds, etc. received as a result of church committee's efforts, and then distributes the income back to the church or other designated beneficiaries.
5. Local churches are now investing special funds which they hold for some future cause, with the Foundation for loans to new churches, to associations to purchase property for new churches, etc. These may be long-term or short-term loans, and each is handled on an individual basis. The local church receives a fair return on its funds while enjoying the knowledge they have made those funds available to a struggling congregation who is engaged in the same "calling" as they—preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
6. Local churches, or specific programs of local churches, may be named beneficiary and owner of insurance policies, or the church may be named co-beneficiary, secondary beneficiary, remainder beneficiary, residual beneficiary, or even dividends may be assigned to the church. Tax consequences may accrue to the donor in each case.
7. Churches now receive trust income from individual trusts administered by the Foundation for:
 - cemetery maintenance
 - help pay current building debt
 - for future construction of activities building or sanctuary
 - for capital improvements
 - for senior adult ministry
 - for youth summer mission programs
 - for homebound and tape ministry
 - for benevolent committee which meets local and community needs
 - sanctuary flowers
 - for its outreach in missions, special offerings, Children's Homes
 - for specific items of general grounds and building maintenance
 - for its contributions through Cooperative Program
 - for scholarship grants and loans

In summary, every cause the church promotes and supports can be endowed for perpetual and "forever" support. The Foundation's role is to help the church, church members, and congregations find the best ways to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Luttrell

L. F. Culler spoke to the Baptist Foundation which is part of the SBC which received money from bequeaths and sees that it goes to the programs the giver wishes it to. Baptist in N. C. are catching on to giving to something good. The Baptist Foundation has a plan to suit every Baptist in N. C. You can start with \$25.00 and build up a trust fund and it will be making a gift in your name for time everlasting.

Calvin Knight spoke to the Hospital report given earlier. The Hospital has a new procedure for large kidney stones—a lithotripter which requires a one day stay. Air Care is a new program with a helicopter that is an air born emergency room. 130 patients have been transported already since May. Baptist Hospital performed its first heart transplant and the young man is home now and outlook of his complete recovery is very good. We have provided 900 open heart surgical procedures, 19 kidney transplants, 2700 dialysis treatments, 9000 CAT scans.

We are trying to keep up with latest medical advances and provide them for our patients. Pastoral care ministries to the spiritual needs of patients and families or any other person who feels the need. Chaplans are there to supplement the care of the pastors who cannot be there. You are a part of their ministry as you support us through the Cooperative Program and other gifts such as N. C. Missions Offering which goes to pastoral care and benevolent fund for those who cannot pay.

The second day was called to order by the Moderator, J. R. Robbins. The devotion was led by Archie Clawson who read from 2 Timothy 3: 16-17. Ministers need to preach the gospel like it is. We are living in a time when people are falling away from God. Are we just acting Christian or are we acting what is inside? Do you have Jesus in you?

Roll Call—six churches represented with a total of 41 people attending.

The following reports were presented and adopted as read.

WOMANS MISSIONARY UNION

The Stony Fork Associational WMU has grown this year. We have added one new WMU making 4 churches with WMU. We want to say to Long Ridge's WMU, welcome and may God bless you. Our goal for next year is to add at least one more church to our list. Please pray with us that God will bless in this way.

As an Associational WMU we think that we have made some progress in this past year. We met in June for our first council meeting at Sandy Flat. We had three churches represented with eight people present. On July 26-27 we had a prayer retreat at the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds. We had three WMU's represented with 20 people present. Our speaker on Friday night was Luther Osment from Broyhill Childrens Home. On Saturday morning our speaker was Ella Keller, retired from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. We enjoyed both speakers very much. After lunch on Saturday we visited the Extended Care Center at Blowing Rock Hospital. If you missed our prayer retreat then you missed a blessing. We hope to have another one this year.

We met in September for another council meeting. Three churches were represented with nine people present. In September we also attended a leadership conference at Greenway Baptist Church in the Three Forks Association. In November we met for a World Day of Prayer at Boone Fork Church. We had three churches represented with 34 people present. Our theme was Experienceing God's Healing. An offering of \$50.00 was taken for the Berry family.

On May 9 we held our annual meeting. After a wonderful meal and fellowship we held our business meeting and election of officers for the next year. All four WMU's were present. We had 50 people at this meeting. Our friend, Mrs. Alma Moore, from Blowing Rock ECF was with us for dinner. Mrs. Ruby Reese was our speaker for the night.

On May 20, our WMU officers met at Boone Fork for a meeting with Nancy Curtis. She gave us some hints on how we can improve our WMU's.

We have sent \$150.00 to help cloth a child at Broyhill Childrens Home this year.

I would like to thank each one for their prayers and support this past year. Please continue to pray for me.

Officers for 1986-87:

Director: Eunice Luttrell

Assistant Director: Margaret Triplett

Secretary Treasurer: Barbara West

Baptist Women: Betty Woods

Baptist Young Women: Linda Mills

GA: Linda Church

Mission Friends: Mary Greene

Mission Study: Doris Tester

Mission Action: Rosetta Hollifield

Respectfully submitted

Eunice Luttrell

CHURCH TRAINING

Southern Baptists are unique in many ways. One of the most notable of those ways is how we voluntarily work together through associations. without sacrificing our strong conviction of the autonomy of the local church, we cooperate to enable us to do together what we can not accomplish alone.

One way churches give and receive assistance is through programs such as Church Training. The associational Church Training program exists to assist churches in starting, improving and expanding Christian discipleship through their Church Training programs. More specifically, associational Church Training should 1. Call churches to be on mission to reach persons for discipleship training; orient new church members for responsible church membership; equip church members for discipleship and personal ministry, teach Christian theology and Baptist doctrine, Christian ethics, Christian history and church polity and organization; train church leaders for ministry. 2. Provide resources and services to churches and church training leaders. 3. Train, develop and encourage church leaders. 4. Provide opportunities for working together in ministry, missions growth and evangelism.

The only activity in the association this year was our "M" Night program which was held at Mount Ephriam Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Craig

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE OF NORTH CAROLINA 1986 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS

If Christianity is authentic, then, it must be reflected in the daily walk of the followers of Jesus Christ.

Helping Christians to apply the moral demands of the Good News of Jesus Christ remains the top priority of the Christian Action League.

There is much to rejoice about what has occurred in the last 12 months, but it is also a time to renew our efforts for new battles on the horizon.

I. OBSCENITY: The state's new Comprehensive Obscenity and Child Protection Act has been met with unusual success. Some 12 months ago, law enforcement officials stated that North Carolina had some 750 hard core porno outlets making our state the nation's "smutt" capital. Today, only 150 remain in operation, and most of these are facing porno charges with court cases pending.

For all practical purposes, convenient stores and other retail establishments have removed sexually oriented publications such as PLAYBOY, HUSTLER, PENTHOUSE, ETC. Others have placed the material behind the counter or behind "blinder" racks where they are not accessible to minors.

Video stores have cleaned their shelves of sexual explicit material rather than face prosecution.

Cable porn programs like the Playboy Channel have been discontinued in communities such as Hickory, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Durham, etc.

Indictments have been brought against ADAM & EVE—the largest porno distributor in the Southeast, located in Orange County.

The battle is not over for the cause of decency. The pornography industry and its sympathizers are already raising funds and seeking to build support to get our state's new obscenity law "watered down" in the 1987 legislature.

II. ALCOHOL (Liquor-Beer-Wine): The League remains the only organization in North Carolina providing assistance to communities involved in sighting No. 1 addicting drug. Referendums have been defeated in the following areas:

1. Scotland County defeated liquor-by-the-drink;
2. Black Mountain defeated liquor-by-the-drink;
3. Concord defeated liquor-by-the-drink;
4. Manteo defeated liquor-by-the-drink;
5. Rowan County defeated liquor-by-the-drink;
6. Wayne County defeated liquor-by-the-drink;
7. Pasquotank County defeated liquor-by-the-drink;
8. Old Fort defeated beer-wine sales; and
9. King defeated an ABC liquor store vote.

These victories were the result of strong, aggressive leadership on the part of caring people.

III. GAMBLING: In 1987, the church will probably face its strongest challenge yet from the gambling industry.

Pro-lottery forces have already stated that they will be back before the 1987 legislature with an all-out effort to secure a statewide lottery.

Pari-mutuel gambling forces have now come on the scene. A state-wide organization operating under the name, CAROLINA SPORTS ASSOCIATION, with offices in High Point are pushing this cause. Rufus Edmisten, the state's former Attorney-General, has been employed by the gambling forces to assist in their drive

for pari-mutuel gambling. This group is publishing a newspaper, SPORTING JOURNAL, that is being sent to key business and industrial leaders throughout North Carolina to enlist supporters. Fundraising efforts are also underway. A speaker's bureau has been formed providing programs for civic and community groups on behalf of the gambling cause.

What will be the outcome of both efforts? Basically, the decision will be made in the November, 1986, General Election. If a few more pro-gambling legislators win seats in the legislature, the war is over. In the 1985 session, the lottery went down to defeat with a tie vote. That is how close the issue already is in our state.

Billy Sunday used to say: "The only thing worse than an empty voting booth is an empty head in the voting booth."

The position for the 1987 North Carolina House and Senate candidates on the gambling issues must be obtained and shared with the Christian community so voters will be informed when ballots are marked.

Plato said: "The price that good people pay for not being involved in politics is to be governed by people worse than themselves."

Respectfully submitted,
Joe S. Lennon, President
Coy C. Privette, Executive Director
Everette Little

Coy Privette from the Christian Action League spoke to the Temperance and Morals report. Scripture—Matthew 5:13. The Lord put us here to be salt, to be a preservative. Salt will arrest corruption. Salt is a seasoning, a little dab will give you flavor. Salt will sting. In an open wound, it will get your attention.

Another reason we are here is to be the light of the world. We grow weary in well doing. Paul says do not grow weary in the work of the Lord.

One committed Christian has the influence to change the policy of a large cooperation. One person changed the vote on legalized gambling in N. C. and one person changed the policy of Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge on pornographic materials in their lobbies. Write your legislators and let them know how you feel about their votes. Find out how they vote on moral issues. The best way for evil to flourish is for good people to do absolutely nothing.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In the Stony Fork Association this past year we had seven conference leaders of which five went to the state VBS Clinic held in Boone this year at First Baptist Church. Those leaders are as follows:

Adult: Edith Gryder

Youth: Linda Mills

Middle Children and Older Children: Eunice Luttrell

Old Pre-School: Judi Tolbert

Younger Children: Mary Greene

Middle Pre-School: Carol Moody

We had two clinics this year—our Early Bird Clinic was held at Sandy Flat on April 10th with five churches represented with a total attendance of 22. Our main clinic was held in May at Boone Fork with 31 attending and four churches represented.

This year I have received VBS reports from four churches. Three of the churches graded their schools and received awards.

If your church did not have a VBS, I would like to encourage you to have one at your church. If I can be of any help or any of the conference leaders, let us know and we will be glad to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara West
VBS Director

Mr. Herb Hash from First Baptist Church in Boone spoke to the VBS report. People without Christ are perishing. This is what we are about in VBS, reaching people for Christ. 120,000,000 in the U.S. are not Christians. There are 18,000 to 20,000 unchurched people in Watauga County. It is our command from God to try to reach them. Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the youth baptized each year make professions of faith in VBS. New Sunday schools are often started as a result of VBS. A good number of potential workers for Sunday school are often found in VBS. If you have never had VBS, I encourage you to have one. Set a goal for a specific number of Vacation Bible Schools in 1987 and shoot for them. Elect VBS officers this fall, set a date early, involve the pastor in the school, elect faculty in January or February to give them time to plan. Order materials early, put VBS supplies in the budget. A strong VBS can help you build a strong Sunday school and a strong Sunday school can help build a strong church.

1985 VBS HIGHLIGHTS

	1985	1984	Change	
NUMBER OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS				
Church VBS	27,285	28,050	—	765
Mission VBS	2,377	3,506	—	1,128
BBC	4,411	4,859	—	448
Total Number of VBS	34,073	36,415	—	2,342
ENROLLMENT				
Church VBS	2,927,385	2,983,660	—	56,275
Mission VBS	173,313	170,896	+	2,417
BBC	82,791	86,171	—	3,380
Total Enrollment	3,183,489	3,240,727	—	57,238
AGE-GROUP ENROLLMENT				
Preschool	565,934	560,668	+	5,266
Children	788,865	790,438	—	1,573
Youth	220,562	222,303	—	1,741
Adult	135,764	126,014	+	9,750
Mentally Retarded	2,222	2,028	+	194
Deaf	1,141	680	+	461
PROFESSION OF FAITH				
Church VBS	46,101	43,293	+	2,808
Mission VBS	9,055	7,550	+	1,505
BBC	2,299	2,574	—	275
Total Professions	57,455	53,417	+	4,038

PROSPECTS DISCOVERED

Church VBS	552,418	534,850	+	17,568
Mission VBS	32,322	31,768	+	554
BBC	24,793	25,640	—	847
Total Prospects Discovered	609,533	592,258	+	17,275

MISSION OFFERING

Total Gifts to Missions	\$1,465,667	1,343,838	+	121,829
Total Gifts to				
Cooperative Program	\$1,030,213	935,219	+	94,994
Percent of Schools Giving				
to Cooperative Program	73.8%	73.4%	+	.4%

Wayne Etheridge

Sunday School Administration Specialist

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ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

In recognition of the increased proportion of adults now 65 or older, the Baptist Retirement Homes of N. C., Inc., has sought to create a broader awareness of its services across the state. Implementing state-of-the-art communication techniques through use of the *Biblical Recorder*, local newspapers and direct contacts, the Homes is effectively making itself known to greater numbers of Senior Adults and to a concerned and responsive denominational community.

The leadership of the Baptist Retirement Homes is addressing major changes which suggest a need for an adjustment of services. The sheer size of the Senior Adult population in the next decade is expected to require a significant expansion of existing services. Already consideration is being given to the construction of Continuing Care Communities in Asheville and Charlotte and to the renovation of the campus in Winston-Salem.

With extended longevity, the Baptist Retirement Homes anticipates ministering to Senior Adults who will live longer and healthier lives. More choices need to be available to these individuals as they experience added years of activity. Planning has begun to move beyond the standard services now available to consider additional possibilities such as home delivery of health services.

While the past year has brought a forward look at the direction of retirement care, attention has also been directed toward improvement of existing services. The following facts and figures highlight the achievements of the Baptist Retirement Homes from August, 1985 through June, 1986:

- Sound financial management again eliminated the need to increase residential fees.
- Over \$900,000 of benevolent care was provided to residents
- Of a projected 3.4 million dollar budget, the Cooperative Program and Homes & Hospital Offering provided \$785,000.
- Over 40 new residents were admitted to the Homes and Nursing Care.
- Construction and renovation of seven new housing units was completed in Willow Cove on the Winston-Salem campus.
- Bill Stillerman became the new President of the Homes.
- Jack Hoyle was appointed Vice-President in Charge of Administration.
- Carolyn Bunting was appointed Assistant to the President for Admissions

- Jim Saul was appointed Assistant to the President for Personnel
- Don Peiffer was appointed Assistant to the President of Business Affairs
- A video tape, "Not An Ordinary Person," produced by the Homes in 1985, won the M. E. Dodd Award for Video and Film Productions.
- Residential and apartment living remain available. Requests should be made through the Assistant to the President for Admissions.

Under the focused and energetic leadership of Bill Stillerman, President of the Homes since November, 1985, the fine tradition initiated by past Presidents will continue. Yet, the Trustees and Administrative Staff of the Baptist Retirement Homes believe the participation of North Carolina Baptists to be critical for the successful growth of the Homes. By remaining sensitive to retirement care issues and by staying informed and supportive of services offered by the Retirement Homes, North Carolina Baptists can help assure a system of services adequate to the growing demand.

Respectfully submitted,
Mamie Craig

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES' ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION 1986

The Centennial Year for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina was concluded with an exciting, informative and inspiring day on November 11, 1985. The exciting words of Dr. Blackwell, in behalf of our staff, children and trustees, renewed the commitment to continue fulfilling the mission and broad purpose of this child care ministry. Those words still ring in the ears of those present for this occasion.

The mission is to care for dependent, neglected, homeless and troubled children; unwed mothers and their children; and the rendering of related services to their relatives. Services are directed toward the preservation, conservation and rehabilitation of families to avoid, wherever possible, the placement of the child away from home.

In our one hundredth and first year of child care, more than 1,500 children were served. From this group of children/youth, many had no religious affiliation when admitted to our care. Our pastors baptized more than twenty-five youth into the fellowship of the local church.

The New Homes & Hospital Offering, approved by the Convention last November, claimed the attention of our staff during the first five months of 1986. The offering was received in May with fifty percent of that which was received going to the Children's Homes, twenty-five percent to the Hospital and twenty-five percent to the Retirement Homes. The goal was \$1.6 million. We encouraged you to help promote the new offering in your church during May 1987.

UPDATE/HICKORY-LENOIR AREA

The Hickory-Lenoir Family Services Area office is located at 828 9th Avenue, N.E. in Hickory. From this office Iredell, Catawba, Caldwell, Burke, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes, Watauga, Surry and Yadkin counties are served. Through

the area office, applications for all Baptist Children's Homes' services are received and processed.

Referrals to Baptist Children's Homes may be made by anyone. However, it is only at the request of the legal custodian that application can be made and services received.

Local churches and associations continue to be supportive of the work of Baptist Children's Homes. We deeply appreciate the words of encouragement and the prayers which continue to come our way.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Moody
Dr. Michael C. Blackwell
President (919) 472-1000
Donna B. Lail
Hickory-Lenoir Area Director
(704) 327-9373
Charles L. Tanner
Director of Church/Community
Relations (919) 472-1000

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

And the Lord said unto the servant go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that May house may be filled—Luke 14:23.

There is a great need for more workers on the field in our Sunday Schools. There are adults, young people and children all around us that are not in Sunday School. We must lay our lives on the alter for God, and go after the lost sheep.

Each teacher should approach the Sunday School teaching responsibility with a deep sense of gratitude for the calling, and a strong dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Teachers will be judged with a greater strictness according to James 3:1.

Churches operate in the world, and so we must interact with the community to attempt to reach lost and unchurched people. We need to improve our teaching, training, visiting and ministering. We have a God-given mission of reaching people, and leading them to Jesus, and helping them grow in Christian faith. May God help us to be about His business.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Archie Clawson

ANNUAL MESSAGE

Max West—The Children of our World—Mark 10: 13-16 and Deuteronomy 6: 1-15. We live in a time of sin and corruption with many tragic things going on in our society. Where is it going to be in the next few years? If it is going to be better in the future we need to be teaching our children today. Older generations are already set in their ways and many will not be won to Christ. We must begin with the little children if we are to have a change in society tomorrow. The most important group in our church is the little babies and toddlers. Give them the basis for the right kind of living. They brought young children to Jesus. Some simple things

to teach young children are: 1. Take a special interest in your young children. 2. Teach them basic Bible truths, God made the world, man and women. 3. Teach them the consequences of sin. 4. Teach the ten commandments as how to govern their lives. 5. Teach the story of baby Jesus, the story of the cross, and the resurrection. 6. Teach about Jesus' return. He will come back to the earth.

Why do we need to teach these things? If we want our society to change tomorrow, we will have to start today with the little children. They are our next parents, teachers, preachers, governors and presidents. All groups are important to the church, but go back to the little children for our future.

BUSINESS MEETING

The budget will be presented at the next Executive Committee Meeting as the proposed budget from the State Convention needs some revisions. We need to be aware of what we can do financially before we offer the DOM position to anyone. Each church should appoint a representative to come to the meeting to let us know of their support.

Amend the constitution to read Time, place and preacher to be the hosting church pastor or a speaker chosen by him. The smaller committees could have less people on them to fluctuate as the attendance and participation in the associates grows or falls off.

Officers for the coming year will remain the same as the preceeding year. The reports for next year will have the same presenters as this year.

Benediction and adjournment.

STONY FORK ASSOCIATION BUDGET 1986-1987

Sunday School	50.00
V.B.S.	150.00
Church Training	50.00
Evangelism	200.00
Youth Ministry	150.00
Mission Expansion	450.00
Total	\$1,050.00

STAFF SALARIES

Director of Missions	4,122.00
Annuity	500.00
Travel Expenses	1,000.00
Convention & Conferences	1,000.00
Total	\$6,622.00

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Clerk Honorarium	200.00
Treasurer Honorarium	200.00
Office supplies & printing	400.00
(PO box, newsletters, paper, postage, pencils, etc.)	
Telephone	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	\$1,000.00
Total budget	\$8,672.00

\$3,672 from churches

5,000 from Baptist State Convention

\$8,672 total intake for year

RESOLUTIONS

We would like to thank the members of Rock Springs and Sandy Flat churches for welcoming us to their churches.

We thank them for their hospitality and to the ladies who prepared the delicious food.

We also appreciate the Christian fellowship which we have had for these two days. It has been a blessing to attend these meetings.

It is our duty, as Christians, to go out into the highways and byways and win the lost souls to Christ.

Let us resolve to work together in love and harmony and win more souls to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Nellie Coffey

OBITUARIES

Doe Ridge: Bynum Church

Bailey Camp: Mrs. Vienna Harmon

Long Ridge: Mrs. Gertrude Woodie, Mrs. Pet Loudermelt

Rock Springs: Mr. Gerry Hawkins

Mount Ephriam: Mrs. Lillie Triplett, Mrs. Rosa Carroll, Mrs. Betty Cox

A few moments of silence was observed in remembrance and respect for these departed loved ones.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

In a year that has been marked by tragedy, stress and disappointment, the people of God who call themselves North Carolina Baptists continue to witness and minister to our ever growing and changing state. The *Biblical Recorder* is a vital part of that Baptist family and as the official newsjournal of the denomination, it has enjoyed a stable and wholesome year of ministry at the site of hundred of thousands of our people.

Readership of paper is high. Comments, letters and other communications with the *Recorder* indicate Baptists read the paper and depend upon it for correct and vital information about the work we do together. That was the purpose of the paper when it was founded in 1833 and it remains a more important ministry now than ever then.

Tar Heel Baptists are on the threshold of the greatest opportunity we have ever been given by God for witness and ministry in our state. That does not mean it will be easy. The minority status of Christians—fewer persons in North Carolina are members of any church than are not—and the rising spirit of secularism make our task more difficult but at the same time much more imperative than ever. We must not fail.

Well-informed Baptists are more effective Baptists. The *Recorder* welcomes its assignment in the task of sharing the Good News of Christ. This year, we had a tremendous opportunity through the "Good News America, God Loves You" revivals and the paper was on the job, promoting and reporting on the crusades. As always, the *Recorder* will seek to inform, indoctrinate, enlist, inspire and provide a forum for Baptist thought and action as we work together to achieve God's purpose for us.

Despite a tremendous increase (\$96,000) in the cost of second-class postage during 1986, *subscription rates will not be raised for the fifth consecutive year*. Many of the other major state Baptist papers such as the *Recorder* have already found it necessary to raise their rates, but the directors of our paper have been working with the editor to find a way to avoid any increase so that our churches and individuals can continue to get the paper at the lowest possible cost.

The rates are: Church Budget Plan, \$5.00 per subscription for every resident family; Club Plan (four or more), \$6.00; and Individuals, 7.00. If your church does not have the Every Family Plan, special introductory offers are available. Please contact:

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Let us pray and work together for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom as never before. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Associational Representative
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ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephriam	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephriam	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephriam	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephriam	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson

1927 Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928 Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929 Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930 Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931 Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932 New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire
1933 Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935 Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936 Mt. Ephriam	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937 Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938 Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939 Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940 Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941 Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942 New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943 Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944 Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945 Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946 Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947 Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948 No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church.			
1949 Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950 Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951 New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952 Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953 East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954 Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Ouller
1955 Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956 Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957 Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958 Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959 New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960 Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961 Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962 Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963 Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964 Bailey's Camp	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
1965 Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1966 Laurel Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
1967 Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1968 Longridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
1969 Mt. Paran	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1970 Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
1971 New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1972 Rock Springs	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
1973 Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Rayner Matheson
1974 Baileys Camp	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lewis Hodge
1975 Boones Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Herring Crisp
1976 Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
1977 Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1978 Laytown	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Raymond Turbyfill
1979 Longridge	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1980 Mt. Ephriam	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Gurney Robbins
1981 Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	A. C. Moody
1982 Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Everette Watson
1983 New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1984 Rock Springs	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Merle Johnson
1985 Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Dale Milstead
1986 Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Dean Hodges
1987 Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Max West
1988 Boones Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1989 Doe Ridge			Lloyd Hoilman
1990 Laurel Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Hendrix
1991 Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Max West

1978 Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1979 Mount Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
1979 Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980 Mount Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1980 New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1981 Rock Spring	Max West	Barbara West	Cannon Ward
1981 Sandy Flat	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1982 Watauga	Max West	Barbara West	Jack White
1982 Bailey Camp	Max West	Barbara West	Cecil Gragg
1983 Boone Fork	Jack White	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1983 Doe Ridge	Jack White	Barbara West	J.R. Robbins
1984 Laurel Fork	Jack White	Linda Mills	Jack White
Laytown	Jack White	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1985 Long Ridge	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Mount Ephriam	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1986 Rock Spring	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Sandy Flat	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Max West

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.

STONY FORK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Tables

Table B—Sunday School

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Table D—Music Ministry

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Table G—Total Receipts, Local Expenditures & Stewardship

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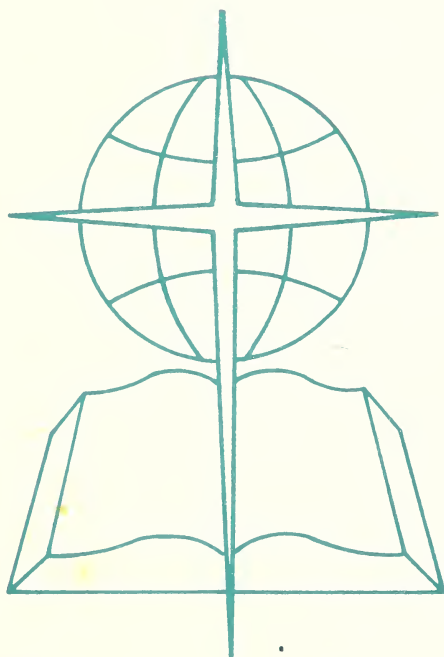
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MINUTES
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**STONY FORK MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
NORTH CAROLINA
1987**

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With
Bailey Camp Baptist Church
August 7, 1987

and with

Boone Fork Baptist Church
August 8, 1987

Next session will be held with Doe Ridge, Boone, NC on Friday, August 5, 1988.
Second day at Laytown, Lenoir, NC on Saturday, August 6, 1988.

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1988 OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 5, 1988
DOE RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00 Call to Order	Moderator
9:05 Song	Congregation
9:10 Adoption of Program	Moderator
9:15 Roll Call	Clerk
9:20 Recognition of New Pastors & Workers	Moderator
9:30 Cooperative Program	Pauline Eldreth
9:45 Home Missions	Doris Tester
10:05 Evangelism	Archie Clawson
10:20 Stewardship	Roy Gryder
10:40 Children's Homes	Carol Moody
11:00 Baptist Hospital	Linda Church
11:15 Retirement Homes	Mamie Craig
11:30 Annual Message	
Adjournment	
Lunch	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:10 Song	Congregation
1:15 Devotional	
1:20 Christian Education	Edith Gryder
1:30 Baptist Foundation	Dale Luttrell
1:40 Finance Report - Budget	Treasurer
1:50 State Missions	Rosetta Hollifield
2:05 Foreign Missions	Scott Church
2:15 Fruitland	
2:30 Annuity Board	
Adjourn	

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 6, 1988
LAYTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00 Call to Order	Moderator
9:05 Song	Congregation
9:10 Devotional	
9:15 Roll Call	Clerk
9:20 Temperance & Morals (CAL)	Everette Little
9:40 Baptist Training Union	Charles Craig
9:50 Sunday School	Leon Silver
10:00 Womans Missonary Union	Eunice Luttrell
10:10 Annual Message	
11:00 Executive Report	Moderator
11:10 General Board Report	J. R. Robbins
11:20 Resolutions	Betty Woods

11:25 Obituaries	Irene Dula
11:30 Election of Officers	
Business	
Lunch	

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Eunice Luttrell / Dale Luttrell / Linda Mills / Roy Gryder / Carter Moretz

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Carter Moretz / Scott Church / Eunice Luttrell / Linda Mills

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Archie Clawson / Pastors of each church

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastors of each church

YOUTH DIRECTOR

J.R. Robbins

BROTHERHOOD

Dennis Oakes

PIANO PLAYER

Marsha West

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Roy Gryder / Charles Craig / Archie Clawson / Don Harrison / J.R. Robbins

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Associational Officers along with the pastors, chairman of the deacons and 2 elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum.

WMU OFFICERS

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Mission Action . . . Rosetta Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 597, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
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MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Bailey Camp: Ora Harmon, Stewart Ford
Boone Fork: Rosetta Hollifield, Sue Harrison, Judy Harrison
Doe Ridge: Archie Clawson, Irene Clawson, Junior Eldreth, Pauline Eldreth
Wanda Winkler, Neal Bare, Kathy Bare

Laytown: Mr. & Mrs. Willard Bryant, Rev. Edward Greene, Nadine Holt,
Sandra Church

Long Ridge: Norman Woodie, Douglas Bare, Larry Woodie

Mt. Ephraim: Buster Henderson, Anna Hayes, Lezett Greer, Olen Miller

Rock Spring: Carroll Woods, Betty Woods, Bea Whitson, Patty Robbins,
Irene Dula

Sandy Flat: Max West, Barbara West, Charles Craig, Mamie Craig,
Sharon Craig, Mary Greene, Carol Moody

CONSTITUTION

OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (PROPOSED)

PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE I—Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Section 2. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches.

Section 3. Any Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitution of the Churches Committee and the majority vote of members present at any meeting as prescribed in Article IX.

Section 4. Any Church at her discretion, may withdraw from this body.

Section 5. This Association may at any meeting, after an investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

Section 6. Each church shall elect its messengers to the Annual Associational meeting. Each messenger must be certified in the annual church letter to the Association and must be appointed on the following ratio: Five messengers, in addition to the pastor, for each church having a membership not exceeding fifty, and one additional messenger for each increase of fifty. In no case shall the total number of messengers exceed ten for any given church, in addition to the pastor.

Section 7. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two consecutive years, the missions committee shall confer with church, and if satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the next Executive Committee Meeting, the Association shall at that time by a majority of present members shall vote to withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

Section 8. The Annual Associational meeting shall convene on Friday at 9:00 a.m., Recess from 12:00 noon to 1:10 p.m. for the noon meal and adjourn on or before 4:00 p.m. It shall reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and adjourn at the completion of business for the noon meal. This following the first Sunday in August.

ARTICLE II—Purpose

Section 1. The prime purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's kingdom and to promote unity and growth among the churches composing it.

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of this Association to enlist all of the churches into full cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of missions, evangelism, christian education and social service.

ARTICLE III—Powers and Perogatives

Section 1. The Association, when convened in meeting, shall sit as an advisory council and shall have no power to infringe on any of the internal rights or affairs of the member churches. It may advise however, with the member churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption or rejection.

Section 2. When grievances occur between any member of minority group of any church which is a member of the Association, the Association, the Executive Committee, or Missions Committee, or the committee designated by and acting for either of these bodies, may advise or give aid in matters which do not infringe on the rights of the local church, and this only on the invitation of the individual or group involved.

Section 3. Any church found unfaithful to the faith and practices common to the Association, as outlined in Addendum I—ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963) shall be encouraged to correct such errors, if the conduct of said church is not corrected and is of such nature as to alienate said church from the orderly and faithful churches of the Association, the Executive Committee of the Association can recommend that fellowship be withdrawn from said church, and upon a majority vote of the messengers in an Annual session, fellowship with such church can be withdrawn. (See Article I, Section 7)

ARTICLE IV—The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Association shall have an Executive Committee to serve as the Association between Annual Meetings, assisting in the overall work of the Association with such limitations as may be imposed by the constitution.

Section 2. The Executive committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the Pastors, and the Chairman of Deacons along with two elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum. The names of these persons shall be furnished annually to the Associational Clerk, if changes occur during the Associational year, these changes shall be forwarded to the Clerk.

Section 3. At the beginning of each Executive Committee Meeting, a roll call will be taken of each church and its representatives.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet within two weeks after the Annual Associational Meeting, the second Sunday of November, March, and July. These meetings shall be held in churches of the Association, consecutively, in Alphabetical order.

ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, W.M.U. Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Music Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Youth Coordinator.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected at each regular Annual Associational Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall fill vacancies that may occur in their respective categories between annual meetings of the association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Section 3. By the virtue of the office, the Associational Director of Missions is considered an ex-officio member of all Associational Committees. For all qualifications and terms of office see Article VII, Section 1.

ARTICLE VI—Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association to preside over the Annual Sessions, special sessions, and at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall provide leadership for a progressive ideal throughout the association. He shall be elected for a one year term, and he shall not succeed himself for a maximum of two full terms. He shall appoint in advance any other committees he may deem necessary or advisable. Each of these committees shall report at the Annual Meeting for which they are appointed. It shall be the responsibility of the Moderator to call any needed meetings at any time he deems necessary. The Moderator is considered an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence or at his request.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in regular and special sessions; to keep accurate records of quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee; to keep on file the printed minutes and other important documents belonging to the Association; to furnish the churches with the blank letter forms on which to make the annual reports to the association; to superintend the printing of the minutes, and to distribute them to the churches as soon after adjournment as possible. For this service the clerk shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the association and to disburse the same in accordance with the budget of the association or for the purposes for which the funds were contributed. To render to the association an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements at the first session of the annual meeting. In the treasurer's absence a member of the Finance Committee shall give the report. The Treasurer shall make available through the associational newsletter a quarterly report including the contributions of each church in the association. A quarterly report shall be made available at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. For this service, the treasurer shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 5. The Sunday School Director shall take the initiative in promoting inspirational meetings, study courses, and leadership classes for the churches of the association. He shall work in cooperation with the denominational Sunday School Agencies in promoting the denominational programs; and he will be responsible for coordinating and promoting Vacation Bible School work in conjunction with the Vacation Bible Director. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 6. The Church Training Director shall take the initiative in promoting the regular meetings projected by the State Convention and be available to the churches for help in strengthening the established unions and encourage the organization of new unions in churches without them. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 7. The Brotherhood Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary education within our association and be available to the churches to assist in strengthening organizations and programs of existing units. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 8. The WMU Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary

education within our association and she shall be available to the churches to assist in promoting and establishing new Baptist Women and Baptist Women Auxiliary units, and shall assist in strengthening the organizations and programs of existing units. She shall also work with the Nomination Committee in enlisting leadership for her organization.

Section 9. The Vacation Bible Director shall work in conjunction with the Associational Sunday School Director in enlisting and training workers, planning and organizing for the annual Vacation Bible School Clinic.

Section 10. The Music Director shall take the initiative in promoting the meetings and activities suggested by the state music leadership and be available to the churches to help in strengthening their music programs. The music director will also be responsible for the music at the Associational and Executive Committee Meetings. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 11. The Pianist will be responsible for playing the piano at all Associational and Executive Committee meetings.

Section 12. The Evangelism Chairman will work with the Evangelism programs in planning, promoting, and coordinating all Evangelistic activities for the association in conjunction with the Director of Missions.

ARTICLE VII—Director of Missions

Statement of Purpose and Position Title:

The office or position will be known as the Director of Missions for the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association. The Director of Missions shall provide responsible leadership in the work of the association through performing such basic functions as the planning, correlation, and implementation of programs, program services, and ministries of the association; counsel the churches; agencies of needs, problems, and potentialities within the association; and interpret to the churches the program resources and other assistance available from the Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Section 1. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Planning and Coordination

1. Lead the association in strategy planning; establishing and maintaining a long-range program. Lead the association to set goals and encourage the churches to work toward them.

2. Coordinate the associational work and meetings by serving as ex-officio member of all committees.

3. Work with program officers and the Nominating Committee in selecting and enlisting leaders for organizations and committees of the association.

4. Counsel, encourage, and lead in training the associational officers.

B. Education and Promotion

1. Seek to assist the pastors and the churches in programs suitable for their growth and development, recognizing the differences in size and diversity of membership, utilizing persuasion to promote fellowship and cooperation.

2. Seek out in cooperation with the Missions Committee places of missions need and seek to enlist an appropriate church to meet these needs. In the event no church(es) can be enlisted, upon the instruction of the Missions Committee, the Director of Missions may lead in such a program in the name of the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

3. Promote church organizational programs: Sunday School, Church Training,

Church Music, Brotherhood, WMU, and Vacation Bible School and Leadership Training.

4. Promote church assistance programs: Evangelism, Stewardship, and Family Life.

5. Plan for and promote simultaneous efforts, such as: World Missions Conferences, revival crusades, enlargement campaigns, training schools, etc.

6. Prepare in cooperation with the Missions Committee an annual associational calendar. Prepare a monthly associational newsletter for distribution in the association.

7. Attend denominational meetings and conferences as budget and time considerations permit.

8. Report to the executive boards at its regular meetings and to the association in annual session.

C. Service Ministry

1. Provide counsel and help as requested by pastors and churches.

2. Serve as pulpit supply, assist in church surveys, and conduct studies and revivals as requested in keeping with terms of employment. Pulpit supply for a period of 4 weeks.

3. Manage the associational office, supervise associational employees, and maintain equipment of the association.

4. Cooperate with the Finance Committee in planning the budget and promoting giving to the association.

5. Establish and announce office hours to best utilize the division of time between the associational office and field responsibilities.

6. Always working through the pastor, the Director of Missions will be available to offer aid to churches in need of assistance. No program will be conducted for a church without the invitation of the pastor and/or church. In the event the church is without a pastor, the Director of Missions will respond to requests from the church leadership.

Section 2. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

A. Term of Office—The Director of Missions shall be called for an indefinite term of service.

B. Remuneration—Remuneration will be recommended by the Missions and Finance Committees and approved by the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

C. Honorariums—Honorariums received for pulpit supply, weddings, funerals, revivals, and pastoral service, not directly related to his normal responsibilities, shall be considered personal remuneration.

D. Work Schedule—Work schedules will vary, with weekends normally being kept for services in churches in the association.

E. Work Accountability—The Missions Committee pledges itself to a ministry of loyalty, support, and loving encouragement of the Director of Missions, so that under the leadership of the Spirit of God, he may render the most effective service possible.

F. Both parties must give a thirty day notice before termination.

Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Spiritual—A committed Christian with a sense of definite call to mission service.

B. Educational—Preferably college and seminary degrees, or their equivalent.

C. Special Knowledge and Skills—Knowledge of Baptist denominational life and a willingness to continue to learn; vision, flexibility, and demonstrated leadership ability in planning, conducting, and evaluating the work of the association.

D. Character—Christian integrity.

E. Experience—Pastoral ministry, Christian education or associational and other mission experience are necessary. Preferably the associational experience should be as a director of missions, associational staff member or as an active and responsible officer in an association. The mission experience may be in the establishment of and involvement in mission outreach and ministry in a mission, church or association.

ARTICLE VIII—Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. The committee of time, place and preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of the committee to recommend to the association, the churches where the next session will be held, preferably to be taken in alphabetical order, and also the preacher for the annual session. In order to alleviate any hardship on any one church hosting as associational meeting, it is suggested that two churches may jointly host each meeting. Expenses, meeting places, and other arrangements will be coordinated by the churches selected.

Section 2. The committee on Resolutions shall be composed of two members. It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or as directed by the messengers of the association.

Section 3. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the association. When adopted, the program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by the vote of the body.

Section 4. The committee of Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare for the association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices and reports: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Brotherhood Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Associational State Representatives, also persons for the following reports shall also be selected; Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Stewardship, Cooperative Program, Obituaries, Temperance and Morals, V.B.S. Report, W.M.U. Report, Sunday School Report, and any others designated by the association. Representatives for the following shall be selected: N.C. Baptist Hospital, N.C. Childrens Home, Baptist Home for the Aging, Denominational Colleges (Christian Education), Denominational Literature (Religious Literature), Annuity Board, Baptist Foundation, and any others designated by the association. The committee on Nominations shall be responsible for selection and contacting each of these persons for their approval before the annual meeting. The floor shall be open for nominations for these offices on the day of the annual meeting; each position shall be called and voted on separately. Nominations from the floor shall be taken first, then the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall give nomination of committee. All nominees must be contacted beforehand and permission given for acceptance of nomination. The W.M.U. will elect their officers.

Section 5. The Finance Committee shall be composed of five members, one of which will include the Treasurer of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and recommend a budget for the association and to suggest ways and means whereby the budget can be raised by the local churches and to secure the cooperation of the churches in raising the budget. The Finance committee will present the proposed budget on the first day of the annual associational meeting with discussion and adoption scheduled for the second day. The Finance Committee shall meet prior to the quarterly Executive Committee Meeting and shall

prepare on a regular form acceptable to the association, a detailed financial report which will be given to each member present at the quarterly meetings and the annual associational meeting.

Section 6. The Missions Committee shall be composed of five members and this committee shall report to and cooperate with the Executive Committee of the association. The duties of this committee are: (a) to coordinate and help promote through the organizations and committees all phases and activities of the associational programs, (b) to cooperate with the local churches in making surveys of areas which in the opinion of the Missions Committee are being adequately served by the local missionary Baptist work, and to promote and develop those new phases of the Missions programs, (c) to serve in advisory capacity to the Director of Missions in all matters pertaining to his work and to serve with him in directing and promoting the missions programs of the association, (d) to provide information and assistance to the departments of State Missions of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in meeting local missionary needs, such as Missionary pastor's assistance, promoting mission's causes, etc., (e) the Missions Committee shall meet prior to the Executive Committee of the Association or at any time necessary to discharge its duties, (f) this committee shall have the following responsibilities relating to the office of Director of Missions:

1. Serve as a search committee for a Director of Missions.
2. Recommend to the Executive Committee the name of the nominee.
3. Coordinate financial matters with the Baptist State Convention.
4. Serve as a liaison between the churches and the Director of Missions.

Section 7. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be composed of the Missions Committee and one selected layperson of the association making six members. It shall be the duty of this committee to review and update the Constitution and By-Laws as it becomes necessary. This committee will recommend revisions and amendments concerning the constitution and By-laws to the association as deemed necessary. They shall meet at least once a year before the annual meeting to review and discuss the constitution.

Section 8. The committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the churches

ARTICLE IX—Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches

The Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches shall be made up of the Missions Committee members.

Section 1. Any group of baptized believers in Christ desiring to organize themselves into a missionary Baptist church with the purpose of seeking the recognition of and fellowship and cooperate with this association, shall be required to fulfill the following requirements. They shall submit their request for admission to the Director of Missions or the Moderator of the Association, who will in turn forward it to the Committee of Petitionary Letters. In addition to the letter of request, a church must also furnish a report of work accomplished since its organization, a copy of the church covenant, and its articles of faith.

Section 2. Any church seeking admission into the fellowship of the Association must be under the watchcare of the Association for a period of one year before it can be admitted. During this interim period, the church shall be expected to have part in the support of the causes fostered by the association, The North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 3. The findings of the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall be reported at the annual associational meeting or at the Executive Committee meeting with a recommendation either for or against admission.

Section 4. If the church is accepted under the watchcare of the association, the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall recommend at the end of the year that the church be accepted into full fellowship provided that examination of that years work done and a study of the cooperative spirit of that church proves to be in accordance to the principles of the churches of the association. A two-thirds majority vote of the Messengers or Executive Committee members present shall be needed for such an action to be completed. There will be an appropriate program conducted during the annual meeting to formally welcome this new church into the association.

Section 5. For a sister cooperative Missionary Baptist church that is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, that wishes to join or transfer status, the same procedure is needful with the exception of the one year of associational watchcare. Upon receipt of letter of request, the Committee of Petitions shall recommend its findings to the Executive Committee, and after a thirty day period of investigation the discretion of the Executive Committee shall be used if immediate acceptance of fellowship is possible. If accepted, a program of welcoming shall be presented at the annual associational meeting.

ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution or any part of the constitution shall be amended at the annual associational meeting in August, with the acceptance by two-thirds majority vote. It is suggested that all changes and recommendations of amendments be submitted two months prior to annual meeting in August, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their careful consideration; however, any messenger has the right to submit proposed changes in accordance with this article.

By-Laws

1. All associational meetings shall be opened and closed in prayer.
2. "Roberts Rules of Order," shall be used as a guideline for parliamentary procedure in all associational meetings. The Moderator will be responsible for having a copy of same at all meetings and a copy of parliamentary procedure and the gavel of the association shall be transferred upon succession of the moderator.
3. All associational officers shall exercise authority over their departments and shall give a financial accounting to the Finance Committee for monies expended.
4. Election and installation of officers shall take place on the last day of the annual associational meeting in August, and these officers shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and providing leadership for the coming year in the association.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Time, Place and Preacher Committee will be amended to the hosting church pastor or a preacher of his choice will be the preacher for the associational meetings. Committee membership will be filled according to the number of people participating in associational work.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article VIII-Committees and their duties, Section 4. Amended to: recommendations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented first, then nominations will be taken from the floor.

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and twenty-sixth annual meeting of Stony Fork Association was called to order by Moderator, J.R. Robbins on August 7, 1987 at Bailey Camp. The congregation sang "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" and the devotion was led by Rev. Robbins from Romans: 8: 37-39 and prayer was led by Carter Moretz.

The program was adopted with revision to be made as they become necessary for the convenience of the speakers and presenters.

All 8 active churches were represented on the first day with 40 people in attendance including visitors.

Rev. Carter Moretz from Mt. Ephraim was recognized as a new pastor working in the association.

The following reports were read, moved for adoption and approved on the first day.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

We hear the question asked "what is the Cooperative Program?" Part says that Baptist have agreed to work together to witness to the whole world. The "Program" part says that Baptist have a plan for world mission support that begins right here at home and spreads around the world.

Just how vital is the Cooperative Program? It is vital to the work of 7,200 Southern Baptist Missionaries. It provides homes and food and food and tolls such as Bibles, literature, transportation, buildings and much more.

Because of this love and concern, last year alone, there were 150,000 baptisms on foreign fields. Southern Baptist missionaries ministered to over 14 thousand churches and 17 thousand missions around the world through the Foreign Mission Board.

The Cooperative Program is vital to the Southern Baptist plan to present the gospel to every person by the year 2000.

May we join together through prayer and giving so that we might see a lost and dying world saved.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Eldreth

BOBBY STAFFORD SPOKE TO THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM REPORT

He stated the Cooperative Program is the greatest operation devised to get money to the right people at the right time. The continued work moves forward through Cooperative Program money. The Cooperative Program funds missionaries and programs such as water drilling. A lot of folks need to know that it is just as Baptist to be cooperative as contrary. Two things happen to Cooperative Program money:

1. Some stays in NC supporting local missionaries.
2. Some goes to foreign missions.

Stony Fork Association is receiving help to support a Director of Missions. An association is a fellowshiping body of churches who are mission minded, reaching

out to others for Christ. Do not hesitate to ask for help. Call the 800 number and we will find help for you.

During the new year, reach out with a vision. What is the vision of Stony Fork Association?

HOME MISSIONS

Romans 10:1

Southern Baptist created a Home Mission Board and gave it the responsibility of winning our land for Christ. We have studied about the work of its over 3,000 missionaries, and we are thrilled in reading its annual reports to discover the evangelistic results of the year's work. Through the Home Mission Board we are reaching most of the ethnic and language groups that live in America. The Home Mission Board is carrying out its task to reach America for Christ.

The Research Division of the Home Mission Board estimates between 155 and 160 million lost persons lived in the U.S.A. in 1980 consisting of 68.9 percent of the total population. According to a recent pole 52 percent of the unchurched say they made no commitment to Jesus Christ and 10 percent are unsure; 44 percent are not sure Christ rose from the dead, 9 percent say they do not know. Seventy-six percent could not say they have had a born-again experience. At least 17 million church members in America are not saved.

If we as Southern Baptist intend to reach our nation for Christ we must redouble our efforts to witness and minister among the lost.

"Lord, I need to see, I need to care. Touch my heart to pray, to give, to go and to tell." Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Tester

ELLA KELLER SPOKE TO THE HOME MISSIONS REPORT

She had been with the Home Mission Board 33 years before she retired.

Your gift, offering and prayer help reach others for Christ. What is it like to hold a lost America in our hearts. America is the world. 165 million do not know Jesus. Who will win them to Christ. Who will win the millions of immigrants, the 300,000 students who come to be educated. Who will win these millions? 50,000 volunteers were placed by the HMB last year.

Who will win them? The ones who give, pray and go will win them. Prayer is vital. Our decision to pray or not to pray could determine the destiny of millions. Christ has never been without followers and when we pray, we will give.

Rachel Simpson Mission in New Orleans, LA has been reaching out for 70 years through the Home Mission Board. Missions are to proclaim the name of Jesus. Someone told us about Jesus, we must make it possible for others to tell someone. "As the Father has sent me, so send I you."

EVANGELISM REPORT

We are told that only three percent of all the lost people come to our churches on their own. This means that 97 percent are out there lost without help, without hope, without strength. These people will die and go to hell unless we go to where they are and share Jesus with them. It is absolutely imperative that our church people come out of their beautiful church buildings and go out into the highways and hedges and share with lost humanity the "Good News" of Jesus. I believe all Christians are urged to win souls for Jesus Christ.

There is a great need for evangelistic effort in every community. We are planning to have an evangelist revival this coming October or November in the Stony Fork Association with our own pastors doing the preaching. Be much in prayer for this revival.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Archie Clawson

J.W. HUTCHINS SPOKE TO THIS REPORT

The Mountain Pastors Evangelism conference in October is designed to help mountain pastors in how to be soul-winners and to help your church members be soul-winners.

1988 is the year of laity emphasis. I believe it will be the greatest year ever. Time to lead laity to find God's plan for them. The greatest weakness in NC Baptists is prayer life. The average lay person spends less than 5 minutes praying. The average pastor spends less than 10 minutes per day in prayer. We are not finding God's plan for our lives through prayer. We don't study the word of God to find out what prayer is. Prayer is a time of God's infilling into our hearts. Prayer is a time of sharing, God speaking to me and me speaking to God. Our churches will turn around when God shakes it. A boldness comes to Christians when they are filled with the spirit. Witnessing is a bubbling over of what God is doing in your life. As a church are we turned inward or are we turned outward? We must turn to a lost and dying world.

O.D. MARTIN SPOKE TO THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

What is Stewardship all about? If someone loaded a shotgun and went downtown to shoot the first steward he saw - would you be in danger? What does a person who practices stewardship look like?

How to recognize a person with Christian stewardship:

1. He is one who accepts Lordship of Jesus in his life.
2. He is one who acknowledges God is over everything and we are the stewards. The one who made it is the one who owns it. God made it and it belongs to him. What I buy I buy with God's money.
3. He is one who sees God's purpose in everything he owns or has each day.
4. He is one who seeks to follow out God's purposes in everything.

How we get the things we have could be a problem to start with. How we make our money. How we spend it, give it. Giving is a spiritual exercise. We give according

to our relationship to God. If our relationship is low our giving is low. Christians give because it is in their nature just as it is in a fish's nature to swim. The question is - what kind of steward are we?

CHILDREN'S HOMES

LUTHER OSMENT WAS THE SPEAKER FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOMES

In Acts 10 we learn Jesus was the one who went about doing good. I'm thankful you give us the opportunity to do good. We now have 8 Emergency Care Shelters where a child can be placed for 90 days while the situation at home stabilizes. We think of children as being loved and cared for but we care for children who have been used, abused and thrown away.

The Moody Home for extremely disturbed girls who cannot be cared for in a regular home has been in operation for 4 months. But because of space limitations we can only help 1 out of 4 who need care at this level. God's work is one of redemption.

In our society today, homes and families are dying, not parents. Care has changed from the old orphanage concept. Our primary care is for children who are victims of the debauchery of our own society.

The Homes and Hospital offering fell far short of the expected amount, only about 40% of what was needed, so financial aid is needed for the Children's Homes.

JIM LAMBERT SPOKE ON THE ANNUITY BOARD

Three pastors are in the annuity plan from Stony Fork. We have pastors all over NC and the area who are ready to retire without dignity. This plan was started in 1918 and still only 58% of the pastors are in the plan. The Bible tells us the church is to take care of our ministers. Our responsibility is to be laborers with God to help Him provide for our pastors.

On 1-1-88 we will go to the new annuity plan called the Expanded Annuity Plan in which the church pays 10% of the monthly pastors salary and the pastor pays 5%. You will spend everything you get if you don't plan to do something else.

Every church needs to have an annuity plan no matter what the age of the pastor. If you are in the old plan you will be getting even less when the new plan goes into effect. I want to encourage you to participate in the Expanded Annuity Plan.

ANNUAL MESSAGE

GREG MATHIS FROM FRUITLAND BIBLE INSTITUTE WAS OUR SPEAKER

He gave us some background on Fruitland which was designed to reach out to the person who cannot go to 4 years of college or seminary. It is in the best shape it has been in a long time financially, facilities and faculty. Most of the teachers have ministries. The 150 students are great.

Luke 10: 38:42

There is just one thing needed and Mary had chosen that good part and it would never leave her. What is really necessary? and what is really needful? We are always looking for the Lord in the dramatic when he often speaks to us in the little common things or situations. There is just one thing necessary - only one thing really needed and we need to be able to choose and recognize what is the good part.

We are listening less and less to Jesus and more and more to many other things. We forget what is primary. We live in a busy society with more and more things to occupy our time. We need to set God's work first and everything else secondary. We don't know when to say no to the world. You have to choose to draw the line and walk with the Lord. The things we think are so important and we give so much time to are not that important. The most important thing is your relationship to Christ. Be sure what is primary, get back to what is necessary. Only one thing is really needful, Christ first in your life.

Benediction

Dismissed for lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a congregational song Carter Moretz led the devotion from Galatians 5: 19-26. These are words of wisdom for all of us today, words to live by.

The following reports were presented, moved for adoption, seconded and approved.

SUE FITZGERALD FROM MARS HILL COLLEGE
SPOKE TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

It is our task to begin young people on their path. We are laborers together with God and God gives the increase. It is our responsibility to nurture. You plant, the schools water and God gives the increase.

The Christian Education ministry has resources for every facet of church work. You can get information for any kind of study you would want to do and it doesn't cost you anything, just the postage to mail the material back. Whether we water or whether we plant we are all laborers together.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST COLLEGE REPORT—1987
GARDNER-WEBB—WINGATE—MEREDITH—CAMPBELL
1905 1896 1891 1887
MARS HILL—CHOWAN—WAKE FOREST
1856 1848 1834

A recent survey sent to more than 24,000 lay persons and pastors in North Carolina, revealed strongly positive attitudes toward Baptist colleges.

The following summary of the survey's conclusions will interest our Baptist people in the churches and associations:

1. Almost 99 percent of those surveyed said Christian education should remain a high priority in North Carolina Baptist life.
2. More than 80 percent rated North Carolina Baptist colleges as outstanding or good. Ninety-five percent believe the quality of education is equal or superior to an education at a state school.
3. The three main strengths of Baptist schools, according to the survey, are the quality of education offered, the Christian commitment of faculty and the spiritual emphasis on the campuses. The overwhelming weakness is the cost.
4. Most said they learned about the colleges through the *Biblical Recorder*. **The opinion was strong, however (65%), that Baptist students do not receive sufficient information about Baptist colleges through the local church.**
5. When asked about the percentage of Cooperative Program funds for Christian education, 45.5 percent answered that is "About right," while 37.8 percent replied the percentage is "Not enough."
6. Respondents to the survey were 29 percent women and 40 percent lay persons. Eighty-four percent were from churches with memberships between 100 and 999.

Such positive attitudes encourage Baptist colleges to excel even more in service and cooperation with Baptist churches.

(A copy of the complete survey results may be obtained by writing to the Council on Christian Higher Education.)

Council on Christian Higher Education
P.O. Box 1107, Cary, North Carolina 27512-1107

MORE ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST COLLEGES

One Baptist leader has said that Baptist colleges deserve the "Light Under the Bushel Award." He meant, of course, that many of the finest, most interesting stories about Baptist colleges are not widely known.

Everyone connects Baptist colleges and a superior experience in Christian education. Most would agree that there are other strong advantages for Baptist students who attend a North Carolina Baptist college. When young people and their parents are choosing a college together, here are some things to consider:

THE TIME: Life after high school is still a time for growing, maturing, learning and planning for a full life as an adult. Going to college in a Christian environment can make a world of difference for a lifetime. The first experiences after leaving home can shape a life forever.

THE SIZE: All of the Baptist colleges in North Carolina are small and manageable. You can easily walk anywhere on campus. No one is overwhelmed by a "megaversity" environment. A new student, fresh from high school, does not get lost in the crowd. Classes are small. Teachers can know the names and faces of students, and are available to advise and counsel between classes.

A LASTING FAMILY: Many years after graduation, former students still visit and write letters to favorite professors. Cherished friends in college often remain friends for a lifetime. More often than not students will choose a husband or wife while on a college campus. These are only some of the advantages of a Baptist college community of caring people.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE: In Baptist colleges the ideal of service to others remains strong in vocational planning. A sense of calling to a variety of service/leadership areas is emphasized, including church-related vocations. In a "me first" world, Baptist colleges are different in important ways.

PREPARING FOR LIFE: Christian education prepares students for making a living. But more importantly, Christian education is the best preparation for spending a life. An excellent, broad-based education provides a sound foundation for a person's last job, as well as the first.

THE ROLL CALL OF BAPTIST COLLEGES

There are six educational institutions supported financially by the Baptist State Convention: Campbell; Chowan; Gardner-Webb; Mars Hill; Meredith; and Wingate.

Wake Forest, our oldest school, has a continuing "fraternal and voluntary" relationship with North Carolina Baptists and the Council on Christian Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Gryder

WMU REPORT

We as the Stony Fork Associational WMU have grown again this year. The Lord answered our prayers and gave us one more WMO organization. We want to say to Laytown, welcome and may God bless you in every way.

WMU means Women in Missions. It is my hope that every member of our WMU's really do have missions on the top of their list. In so many churches the main way missions are carried out is through the WMU.

WMU presidents please keep your pastors and your churches informed about what is going on with our Southern Baptist missionaries.

At one of our council meetings we voted to let each WMU sponsor a person in their own area. Boone Fork and Sandy Flat will work with the people at Blowing Rock Hospital. We also talked of having a prayer retreat but never set a date.

Our annual meeting was at Boone Fork on May 30, 1987. We had a wonderful fellowship and supper. Our speaker for the evening was Debbie Smith from Wilmington, NC. She works with Resort Missions there. It was really interesting to learn about Southern Baptist Resort work. So many people at the meeting that night did not know that the Southern Baptists even had that type of missionary.

All five of our WMU organizations were present at the annual meeting.

We now have 48 members on roll in our association WMU. Next year we hope to have a lot more. Pray with us that God will deal with the ladies at Mt. Ephraim that they will want to join us this year.

We now have 5 out of 8 churches with a WMU. We are still supporting Broyhill Children's Home. We have \$85.80 in our treasury.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Eunice Luttrell

WMU OFFICERS

Director	Eunice Luttrell
Assistant Director	Margaret Triplett
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara West
Mission Study Director	Doris Tester
Mission Action Director	Rosetta Hollifield
Baptist Young Women	Betty Woods
Baptist Women	Linda Mills
Mission Friends	Mary Greene
Acteens	Mamie Craig
G.A.'s	Linda Church

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

For 142 years Southern Baptists have been involved in missions—and we have held our mission boards accountable for channeling Southern Baptist resources in following that biblical mandate.

So the bottom line for Southern Baptists is missions, last year was a good year for foreign missions. If you supported Southern Baptist foreign missions in 1986, you're part of something big—the world's biggest program of foreign missions. It used 180 million of your dollars to help change lives in 108 nations.

Now a brief check of the results.

1. A record 185,689 baptisms (17.1 percent increase: one for every 10.8 church members) an average of more than 500 everyday.
2. 20 new churches started each week.
3. All new missionaries appointed (ending the year with 3,756).
4. More than 14,500 national pastors, 50,000 radio and 2,150 TV programs, 1,900 Southern Baptists volunteers joining overseas Baptists in partnership evangelism, resulting in 24,279 professions of faith.
5. 6,200 total volunteers overseas.
6. \$8.5 million for hunger and relief: none spent for administration or promotion.
7. About 137,000 inpatients and more than 1.3 million outpatients cared for by health care missionaries and co-workers.
8. Officials in Ethiopia naming Baptist human need ministries—clinics, feeding programs, distribution of grain—a model for other agencies.
9. 17 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries serve sending out almost 250 of their own missionaries.

You may ask where did all this money come from, 67.1 million from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 61.3 million through the Cooperative program, 30 million through investment income, 10.5 million through designated and special gifts, 8.5 million through hunger and relief, 2.5 million through other income.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Church

Benediction

Adjournment

Lunch

AUGUST 8, 1987

The second day of Stony Fork annual session was called to order by the moderator. Devotion was led by Max West from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Charity is love. I'm afraid we don't teach or preach this enough, and don't take it seriously in our Christian life. If we don't have charity or love in our lives then we are nothing. In the fruits of the Spirit of God we have love. If we don't have Christ's love in our heart everything we do in our life or our church will total up to nothing. Charity never fails, other abilities will fail but if we have Christian love in our hearts, it will never fail. Charity is the love of God for mankind and man's love toward others. Everything that we do should be done out of love.

JOE LENNON FROM THE CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE SPOKE TO THE TEMPERANCE AND MORALS REPORT

There is Christian joy in a pagan society and we live in a pagan society. What a joy it is to come meet with other Christians and set together. Psalm 33:12, 9:17.

This is the most pagan General Assembly it has been my opportunity to observe. Efforts to change the existing law on pornography and to allow alcoholic beverages to be sold have increased. \$900,000 has been allocated to be used for abortions. But good things are also happening. The House has passed a bill to require parental consent for abortions for minors. At present this can be done without parents knowing. We hope the Senate will pass this. The most dangerous place for the unborn child in NC today is in it's mother's womb.

Gambling - Again we have defeated the state lottery issue. Now paramutual gambling or betting bill is up before the General Assembly. They present gambling on horse and dog racing as a sport. Call about this to **Bill Goldstein at 919-733-4111**.

There is a bill to sell beer and wine on the ASU campus at the Continuing Education Center. Speak out against this also. The wicked are never satisfied, they always want a little more. The liquor industry now wants anyone to be able to go to the ABC store and buy an unlimited amount of alcohol instead of the limited amount allowed at the present time.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS

During the past year, Baptist Hospital admitted 22,973 patients for a total of 186,321 days of patient care. More than 1,000 of those patients had heart surgery and 27 received kidney transplants. During this period, the hospital also performed its first heart transplant and, as of June 1, 1987, has performed four successful heart transplants.

Approximately 1,000 persons with kidney stones have been treated with the lithotripter. The lithotripter has also been used to break up gallstones. Baptist Hospital was the first hospital in the United States to achieve this success.

The Air Care Program, described as "a flying emergency room staffed with highly trained pilots and flight nurses," continues to save lives and to contribute to more rapid and complete recovery for many victims of trauma. For example, Air Care made it possible for a man whose arm was severed in a hay mowing accident to reach the hospital in time to have his arm reattached.

Baptist Hospital is one of less than a half dozen medical centers in the nation routinely transplanting living bone tissue. A women underwent this rare procedure to correct an arthritic condition in her hip where her bone tissue had died. Bone tissue with its own blood supply was successfully transplanted from her lower legs to the upper end of the right femur.

In addition to those admitted to the hospital, 30,726 persons were seen in the outpatient clinics, 35,134 in the emergency department, and 196,556 in the Bowman Gray Department of Clinics. 2,747 patients had outpatient surgery.

During the past year, the Pastoral Care Department has continued to provide pastoral services for hospital patients, pastoral counseling, clinical pastoral education, and human enrichment events. In addition, the department, in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention, has offered the "Pastor's Sabbath" Program at Caraway Conference Center and has provided assistance to more than 100 pastors and their families through the Ministers' Care Plan. Plans are being made to offer training in "Conflict Management," "Healing of Corporate Pain," and "Ministry to the Interim Church."

Due to the change in the method of timing of the special offering, Baptist Hospital received during its past fiscal year the largest offering from the churches in its history. The last North Carolina Missions Offering in September of 1985 and the first Homes and Hospital Offering in May of 1986, together with designated gifts, brought the hospital a total of \$474,662.00. Cooperative Program gifts to the hospital during the same fiscal year was \$608,389.00, making our total receipts from the churches \$1,083,051.00.

For these gifts and for all other continuing support and help from the Baptist churches, the hospital trustees, staff and patients are deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Whitman

STEWARDSHIP

As we look back over the year, since we last met, can we see any results of our work? Do we have any yardstick to measure our progress or must we just assume that all is well? I think it fair to say that no one standard is enough to measure spiritual matters but I think the emphasis we place on mission expenditures is a fair evaluation of our dedication to the Lord's work.

I took the information that was available on the amounts that some of our churches have spent for missions in 1987 and compared this to the amounts spent by the same churches in 1986. The figures are encouraging.

The total budget for the 5 churches involved was \$63,156 for 1986. This increased to \$66,375 for 1987. This alone is only about a 5% increase and not too encouraging when considered alone. However, mission giving for 1986 was \$16,847 at compared to \$21,223 for 1987 an increase of 20.7%. So, although our income is growing at a moderate rate our missions giving is increasing at a higher rate. This is encouraging.

As pleased as I am to report this increase we have not reached a point that we can relax and rest from our efforts. I see this as only a time of beginning. We have shown that some of our churches have grown in mission minded giving. If some have, others can, if they decide that they desire to do so.

What I ask each of you to do is difficult. Each of us will return to churches with tight budgets and make demands on our resources. In spite of this I request that you make an effort to help your people see the needs of a world of unsaved people. I believe that when they have seen the needs, they will have the desire to help in filling those needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gryder

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE

With the NC General Assembly still in session, we wish to report on some key moral and ethical issues that have been considered, and some are still pending.

A major victory can be claimed by the defeat of the state-wide lottery proposal. Due to Virginia's recent passage of such a bill, the heat from the gambling industry was evident. With opposition to the proposal coming from Governor James G. Martin, Lt. Governor Robert B. Jordan, and House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey, the bill died in a Senate Committee.

However, the gambling industry did not fold up its tent and go home. A pari-mutuel gambling bill, Senate Bill 732, is still alive in the NC Senate. The measure introduced by Senator Kenneth Royall of Durham would open the door for horse and dog tracks. The proposal has already cleared the Senate Ways and Means Committee and remains in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

We would like to recommend that your association pass a resolution opposing this pari-mutuel gambling bill and send copies to Governor Martin, Lt. Gov. Jordan, and to your State Senators. In these closing days of the legislature, you need to communicate your opposition to this gambling incentive.

In the war against pornography, we have special reasons to be thankful. The North Carolina Supreme Court has recently upheld the constitutionality of our 1985 Comprehensive Obscenity and Child Protection Act. The "smut peddlers" have contested this statute in both the state and federal courts. Each time the courts have ruled in support of the measure. Prior to the enactment of this nationally acclaimed law, North Carolina was known as the nation's porn capital with more porno outlets per capita than any other state. We have gone from some 750 pronography outlets to less than 50. No longer do you find sexually oriented publications available and accessible to children in convenient stores, etc.

The porn industry hasn't thrown the towel in either. There will be more court cases. In the current session of the NC General Assembly, an effort was made to "gut" our obscenity statute. Rep. Ivan Mothershead of Mecklenburg County sought to insert into our law a provision to apply a state-wide standard rather than a community standard. Of course, that innocent sounding working would have rendered our obscenity statute unconstitutional. The U.S. Supreme Court in its 1973 landmark case, Miller vs. California, set forth a basic test in determining

obscenity was the applying of a contemporary *community* standard rather than a *state-wide* one. This reveals the importance of what one word could do to a good law. We are grateful that Rep. Mothershead was unsuccessful in his attempt.

The Christian Action League not only has been on the "firing line" during this legislative session. We have assisted in successful campaigns involving liquor, beer and wine referendums in places like Pasquotank County, Hudson, Lenoir, Banner Elk, Manteo, Franklin and King.

Thank you for standing with us in the ministry of applied Christianity. Through your prayer and financial support, we are to be an effective applicator of "salt and light."

Joe S. Lennon, President

Coy C. Privette, Ex. Dir. Christian Action League of NC

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School continues to be a growing source of mission education and involvement. Many missionaries attribute their first interest in missions to their involvement in VBS.

Six of us from the Stony Fork Association attended the state VBS clinic held in March 1987. Those leaders are:

Margaret Triplett	Older Pre-School
Mary Greene	Younger Children
Betty Woods	Middle Children
Eunice Luttrell	Older Children
Carter Moretz	Youth
Burl Jones	Adult
Barbara West	VBS Director

We had our clinic at Mount Ephriam, May 3, with 30 attending. This year I have received reports from 3 churches. The 3 churches graded their school and received awards. If your Church did not have a VBS last year I would like to encourage you to have one at your church. If I can be of help or any of the conference leaders let us know and we will be glad to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara West

CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

All church members and their families deserve the chance to develop as disciples, to grow to spiritual maturity. Church Training can help build up your church, equipping members for dynamic and meaningful Christian living.

Through Church Training church members can learn personal skills that enable them to grow spiritually and to reach out to others in a caring way. Through Church Training church members develop the disciplines of Bible study and prayer and

experience the joy of being part of a caring group of believers. Church Training helps members develop skills in worshipping, witnessing, ministering and growing to maturity in Christ.

Develop maturity in the Christian faith by studying doctrine, standards of Christian living, Christian history, and the way churches function best. In Church Training Christians learn what makes their way of life different from the way of the world. As they are established in the truths of the scriptures, they learn to organize their beliefs and to reflect these in their attitudes and actions.

Church Training equips church members to respond in a Christian way to the problems and the pressures they face each day. Studying Christian history enables members to understand their roles in the total context of God's work in the world. And through Church Training Baptists learn how they are organized to do God's work.

Develop their potential as servants of Christ. In Church Training members learn that they are called to use their gifts to contribute to the work of the church. Church Training illuminates, enhances, and sharpens a person's gifts. Taking servanthood as the leadership model, potential church leaders are trained in practical leadership skills.

Become more aware of and support the work of their church and worldwide missions causes.

In church training members learn how Baptists work together to spread the gospel locally and around the world.

The Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board offers materials for meeting the training needs of your church, as well as help in administering a Church Training program.

Our "M" Night was held at Sandy Flat Baptist Church this year. There were 3 churches represented. 49 persons attended this service.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Craig

BAPTIST FOUNDATION REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS

You might call Frank Neville handicapped. He spends most of his time in a wheelchair. But he denies that he is handicapped, and instead has utilized his limited mobility as opportunity to witness. Each day he invites neighbors and acquaintances, one at a time, into his home for coffee. There he talks with them about Jesus, and Frank has been thrilled and amazed at their expressions of appreciation for his concern for their spiritual welfare.

Frank has determined that he will never stop witnessing, and his financial and estate plans have been so prepared as to insure that he will always be a part of winning the lost to Christ. He transferred valuable land into trust with the Baptist Foundation. Until his death, he will receive income earned by the trust. After that time, all income will be paid to Carolina Baptist Association to be used for Spanish mission ministries; scholarships for youngsters to attend summer camp, for students studying for Christian vocations, and for persons going on volunteer mission trips; for training and resources for associational leadership; and for camp development. Frank Neville, like others who are faithful stewards now, wishes to continue that commitment when he is no longer here.

The Foundation promotes endowment of Christian causes with an assurance drawn from its experience with donors that such planning for the future in no way minimizes "now" witnessing and giving. Just the opposite has been the case; the faithful steward is faithful in every area. The statistics, dollars and facts of this report are truly about the people whose impassioned concern for mission and ministry has resulted in positive action.

In 1986, new trust agreements were prepared for 93 persons. Their gifts to initiate these trusts totaled \$1,181,288. Many of the agreements provide for and anticipate the addition of funds in the future; thus, it is difficult to assess the long term benefit to Baptist work provided through the trusts. Assistance was given to dozens of persons in preparing their Wills, all of whom included trusts through their estates for nearly every cause supported by Southern Baptists.

One imaginative concept employed in several trusts and Wills has been "Give it Twice". A trustor provides that family members receive income earned by the trust until they have received an amount equal to the principal placed in trust. Then, after the family has received the full amount, the income thereafter is paid to Baptist causes selected by the trustor in the trust agreement. He has denied his family nothing! They have received it all. But the principal is still intact and the second time around the income will support Kingdom work.

Because of the 1986 tax reform legislation, certain types of trusts have taken on new significance. The Retirement Unitrust has become a vehicle for partially replacing the IRA. This trust is especially attractive for professional persons and others in middle years for supplementing other pension plans.

Many local churches chose to use the Foundation as trustee for funds which they were holding for future needs. Investment of those funds with the Foundation can, in some cases, result in greater income for the church. Conversely, since the funds are pooled and since churches can recall the funds, if they are withdrawn during a depressed market, principal returned to the church could be reduced. It is important that churches recognize that the Foundation's first objective is to assist individuals in estate stewardship. The motivation for using the Foundation must be the making of a gift to a Baptist cause. The Foundation does not operate as a bank or investment institution. However, one exciting realization for the church is that investment through the Foundation allows their funds to be a part of "family" and to be available for "family" use, if they desire.

In corporation with the state convention, the Foundation established in the last year a credit line of \$3,000,000 for church loans. The Board of Directors took action to implement recommendations of its study committee, resulting in addition to the staff of a director of administration to direct the church loan and student loan programs, as well as trust management. The Board also approved construction of office facilities for the Foundation near the Baptist Building, with plans to begin construction in September, 1987.

Assets of the Foundation have increased to more than \$13,000,000. These dollars are expressions of concern made by Baptist stewards. They are the very same persons who, like Frank Neville, witness and give daily, that the lost, the needy, the hurting people of the world might know Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Luttrell

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Our Sunday School is entering into The People Challenge in 1987. We are trying to touch lives and change people. Challenge 10-90 is the role of the Sunday Schools in Bold Mission Thrust. Our challenge is to live so that others might see in us the hope of Christ Jesus. Also, that we will work toward increasing our active enrollment, that we will pray and study to strengthen our weekly classes.

There is going to be some two day conferences to help the teachers teach effectively. We must maintain our vision, and have patience to let the Holy Spirit work to produce fruit. There are many resources from the Sunday School Department to assist, to train, develop and encourage church and associational leaders to provide opportunities for working together in missions, ministry, growth and evangelism.

May we always be mindful of our God-given mission of reaching people, and helping people grow in the Christian faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Clawson

THE BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

The year 1986-87 has been an exciting time in the life of the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. Charged with the task of providing quality living opportunities for Older Adults within a Christian context, the "Homes" has this year attempted to "move forward" in three broad directions.

I. Advocacy for Older Adults

During 1986-87, the "Homes" has endeavored to become an advocate, a spokesman, for a very special segment of the state's population...the Older Adult. Appearing before church, associational, and convention groups throughout the state, the "Homes" and staff have attempted to sensitize Baptists to the particular needs of Older Adults as well as the significant contribution they can make to the well-being of the churches and associations of the Baptist State Convention.

II. Quality Care

During the year 1986-1987, the "Homes" has continued to develop creative ways to meet the needs of Older Adults. For example, a significant new relationship has been established between the "Homes" and the Geriatric Section of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine (Wake Forest University). Mary Lyles, an attending physician in the Department of Medicine, has been appointed the "Homes'" Medical Director. As a result of this new relationship, the "Homes" will be able to offer "sub-acute" care as well as intermediate and skilled nursing to its residents and patients. In an attempt to provide quality care opportunities to Older Adults who still reside in the local community setting, a respite or temporary care program has been begun at the Albemarle Home. Quality care, long the hall-mark of the "Homes" is still the institution's main objective.

- III. During 1986-1987, plans for institutional expansion and new development have moved forward at a rapid pace. "Ground-breaking" for a new Continuing Care Retirement Community in Winston-Salem will take place in the fall. The Homes' long-range plan includes the development of similar facilities in Asheville, Charlotte, and the East.

The "Good News of Jesus Christ" is the presupposition upon which the "Homes" operates. In reaching out in service to Older Adults, the "Homes" offers concrete expression to the love of Christ for all people. The support of North Carolina Baptists makes this ministry of love possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Mamie Craig for
William B. Stillerman, President
Claude C. Caldwell, Chairman Board of Trustees

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions are involved in so many areas of Baptist life, such as the Christian Action League of NC, Woman's Missionary Union, NC Baptist Assembly, Mission Ministries, Caraway Conference Center, Christian High Education and NC Baptist Men.

State Missions means caring and sharing through the local churches. Gifts to the State Mission Offerings help to carry out each of these missions that are so important to so many people. Our Children's Homes, Homes for the Aged, etc. all of these institutions could not carry out the work they do except through the State Missions offerings.

Fruitland Institute has been a wonderful aid to the local area pastors to further their education.

We need to pray and give as much as possible to aid all of our State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosetta Hollifield

JAMES STEWART SPOKE TO THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION REPORT

The Baptist Foundation is here to serve people, you as an individual, as a church and as an association. We will help with a will as executor, living trust, permanent trust and many others. Something new is the Church Loan Program for starting new work and new churches. Student loans are available for young people who need this assistance. If you have a need we could have the solution but we have to be made aware of the need. We are available to speak to any group, to share the work we do and the help that is available to you.

WILLIAM STILLMAN SPOKE TO THE RETIREMENT HOME REPORT

My role has been to travel all over the state as an advocate of our residents, sharing their stories with you. One basic assumption in our facility is that we care about our older adults. Some people believe that when you reach age 65 your life is over, but the Retirement Homes don't believe that. We think the elderly are our greatest resource and have a lot to contribute.

It is hard to find quality residential care for older adults! You, as members of this association don't have to worry about the residents of our retirement homes. We try to be a warm spot for older adults where they can live with dignity. The fastest growing segment in NC Baptist is the over 65 age group. We need to expand our care to older adults and we are doing this with your help.

GARLAND HENDRICKS

Little things are big. Some of the finest people and greatest churches are in small communities. Some people think only bigness is good. The heartbeat of Southern Baptist life is in missions. Southern Baptists are where they are today because of little churches of the past. I believe it is the little things in the kingdom of God that will be eternal.

You have a right to be proud of your Baptist Colleges. There is not a finer system of colleges in the world. Keep this in mind when you make your contribution to the mission offerings. There has never been a time when young people need Christian education more than right now.

ANNUAL MESSAGE**EVERETTE LITTLE**

1 Kings 18: 25-39. Why can't we a Christian people be like Elijah? Elijah knew there as a true and living God and was trying to tell the people. The people did not believe him and would not listen to the teachings of God. The people of Baal challenged him to prove the power of their god against Elijah's God. We need to be a people who will not give up easily and stand up for God. Elijah now he had a God that was live and true and He is still that God today. When Elijah prayed God sent down the fire to consume the sacrifice.

Why can't we be like Elijah—because we don't have time. How many times have we done something immediately and how many times do we say I don't have time now. We have time for everything else but not time for Jesus Christ and His work.

If I am making footsteps for someone else to follow, what kind of footsteps are they? Someone is looking at our life and following it. Live by what the Bible says to you about your daily walk of life. Be the same person all the time. When you are a Christian—you are a Christian. If you are not—you are not. Are we going to be as brave as Elijah was and have the faith that he did?

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

September 14, 1986, Sandy Flat, 5 churches present, 13 members. Copies of the new budget were handed out which had been worked up by the Finance Committee meeting earlier in September and was to take the place of the budget presented at the annual meeting and this was approved. Mission Committee voted against Randy Gibson as a candidate for DOM and will consider some of the other candidates.

October 5, 1987 called meeting of the Executive Committee—Archie Clawson, Chairman of the Mission Committee recommended Rev. Burl Jones as candidate for DOM. Moved and seconded to elect him as DOM and approved.

November 9, 1986, Boone Fork—6 churches represented by 11 members. Efforts were underway to get assistance from the SBC for DOM. Budget coming along fine so far. Recognized Carter Moretz as new pastor at Mt. Ephriam.

March 8, 1987, Sandy Flat, 5 churches, 16 members present. Discussed Nominating Committee and their responsibility at the annual meeting. Moved that the By-laws and Constitution Committee look into wording for Nominating Committee to change the order from nominations from the floor first to recommendations for the Nominating Committee first then from the floor. Seconded and approved. Financial aid for Rev. Ed Greene, Laytown was suggested through the Association as he has suffered some health problems recently and this was done. Charles Craig suggested that everyone let their Representative know how they feel about the State Lottery Bill coming up for voting again.

July 12, 1987, Boone Fork, 8 churches with 22 representatives. Voted to recommend Annuity Board coverage for the DOM to the Association at the annual meeting and that the forms be filled out and returned before the end of the year. It was suggested that we change the Executive Committee meetings to later in the day on Sunday and include a preaching service (approximately 6-8) and this will be discussed further at the annual meeting. Voted to get a typewriter for the use of the Association Clerk (limited to \$400.00). Carter Moretz resigned as Association Youth Leader.

Respectfully submitted,
J.R. Robbins

TREASURER REPORT

Baptist State Convention	\$4,166.62
Boone Fork	300.00
Doe Ridge	256.00
Laytown	300.00
Long Ridge	592.00
Mt. Ephrim	450.00
Rock Spring	500.00
Sandy Flat	663.15
Total	\$3,061.15 from churches

Minutes for last year	\$245.00
Rev. Hendrix	20.00
Love Offering Rev. Greene	1,519.00
Total	<u>\$1,784.00</u>

Total Intake	\$4,845.15
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Associational Expenses

Salary for clerk and treasurer	\$400.00
Post office (stamps and rent)	12.56
Minor's Printing for minutes	341.25
S.S. Board for V.B.S.	115.35
Love Offering Rev. Greene	1,519.00
Total	<u>\$2,388.16</u>

Director of Missions

Salary	\$2,748.00
Annuity	333.40
Travel	978.37
Convent	337.27
Total	<u>\$4,397.04</u>

Grand Total Paid Out \$6,785.20

Balance in Bank \$5,239.74

RESOLUTIONS

Let it be resolved that Stony Fork Association expresses its appreciation to Bailey Camp and Boone Fork for their hospitality and good food.

We also appreciate the Christian fellowship and good will expressed by each participant and the excellent speakers we have had.

We also wish to thank the people who presented the reports and a special thanks to all the ladies who helped with the food at Bailey Camp from the other churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Tester

OBITUARIES

To the families and churches of the following, we offer our condolences:

Doe Ridge	Ben Hardy
Rock Spring	Delores Dove
Mt. Ephriam	Charlie Simmons
	Roy Miller
Bailey Camp	Lafern Cook
	Carroll Harmon

Laytown Ola Jean Dillard

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Dula

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

Reel to reel films are being phased out into VCR cassettes. Film strips will probably be phased out over the next 5 years. We might consider a VCR in the future church budgets and perhaps one in the associational budget for use by the churches.

Dogwood Productions is where we make our own commercials and films.

Fruitland has changed in that the State Convention is now putting money into it, and it is operated through a board.

J.R. Robbins

BUSINESS MEETING

Moved to fill out forms to put the Director of Missions, Burl Jones on the expanded annuity plan. Second and approved.

Moved for the adoption of the budget as is for 1987-1988. Seconded and approved.

Moved to amend the constitution as suggested. Seconded and approved.

A committee was formed to study further the recommendation to change the meetings of the Executive Committee to the evening with a worship service. This committee consisted of Max West and Everette Little.

Benediction

Adjournment

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

There's good news and bad news!

The bad news is that during 1987 there have been some very embarrassing things happen which hindered the work and witness of Christians across our state, the nation and the world.

The good news is that Baptists have done more, given more and cared more about a lost and needy world than ever before. And it was reported in the *Biblical Recorder*!

The state Baptist paper for North Carolina always tries to tell it like it is—the good, the bad, the victories and the warts—with an emphasis on the good because there is so much good being done by our people as they take seriously the Great Commission from our Lord.

Some Baptists are well-informed, some misinformed, some uninformed. The *Recorder* tries each week to present the news and activities of Baptists so that all will have the opportunity to be the best informed. As our state grows and there are more challenges every day for witness and ministry, our Baptist people need to be at their very best with information and insight into the situations. Never in

the history of North Carolina has there been a greater moment for Baptists to make known the Gospel and help people live in the manner of Jesus.

Readership is strong, but we want every reader and subscriber possible so that more Baptists can know the opportunities and victories within our fellowship. The paper is a bargain—only \$5.00 per year for the Church Budget Plan! For half the price of a first-class postage stamp, the *Recorder* comes into Baptist homes each week.

For the sixth consecutive year there will be NO INCREASE in the subscription rates. Despite the fact that second-class postage costs went up more than \$90,000 in 1987, the *Recorder* directors have agreed to leave the subscription prices as they are so that the greatest number of Baptists can benefit from the paper at the lowest costs.

If your church does not have the Budget Plan, we urge you to consider it for 1988. Special introductory offers are available. Please contact:

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May God help us all to work together to share the Good News with the world, starting where we are and reaching to the ends of the earth.

Not read at Associational Meeting.

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephriam	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephriam	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephriam	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephriam	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson

1927 Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928 Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929 Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930 Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931 Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932 New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire
1933 Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935 Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936 Mt. Ephriam	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937 Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938 Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939 Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940 Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941 Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942 New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943 Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944 Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945 Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946 Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947 Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948 No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church.			
1949 Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950 Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951 New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952 Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953 East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954 Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Ouller
1955 Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956 Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957 Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958 Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959 New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960 Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961 Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962 Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963 Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964 Bailey's Camp	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
1965 Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1965 Laurel Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
1965 Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1966 Longridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
1966 Mt. Paran	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1967 Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
1967 New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1968 Rock Springs	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
1968 Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Rayner Matheson
1969 Baileys Camp	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lewis Hodge
1969 Boones Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Herring Crisp
1970 Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
1970 Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1971 Laytown	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Raymond Turbyfill
1971 Longridge	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Sherill Welborn
1972 Mt. Ephriam	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Gurney Robbins
1972 Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	A. C. Moody
1973 Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Everette Watson
1973 New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Sherill Welborn
1974 Rock Springs	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Merle Johnson
1974 Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Dale Milstead
1975 Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Dean Hodges
1975 Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Max West
1976 Boones Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1976 Doe Ridge			Lloyd Hoilman
1977 Laurel Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Hendrix
1977 Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Max West

1978 Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1979 Mount Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
1979 Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980 Mount Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1980 New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1981 Rock Spring	Max West	Barbara West	Cannon Ward
1981 Sandy Flat	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1982 Watauga	Max West	Barbara West	Jack White
1982 Bailey Camp	Max West	Barbara West	Cecil Gragg
1983 Boone Fork	Jack White	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1983 Doe Ridge	Jack White	Barbara West	J.R. Robbins
1984 Laurel Fork	Jack White	Linda Mills	Jack White
Laytown	Jack White	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1985 Long Ridge	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Mount Ephriam	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1986 Rock Spring	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Sandy Flat	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Max West
1987 Bailey Camp	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Greg Mathis
1987 Boone Fork	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Everett Little

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.

STONY FORK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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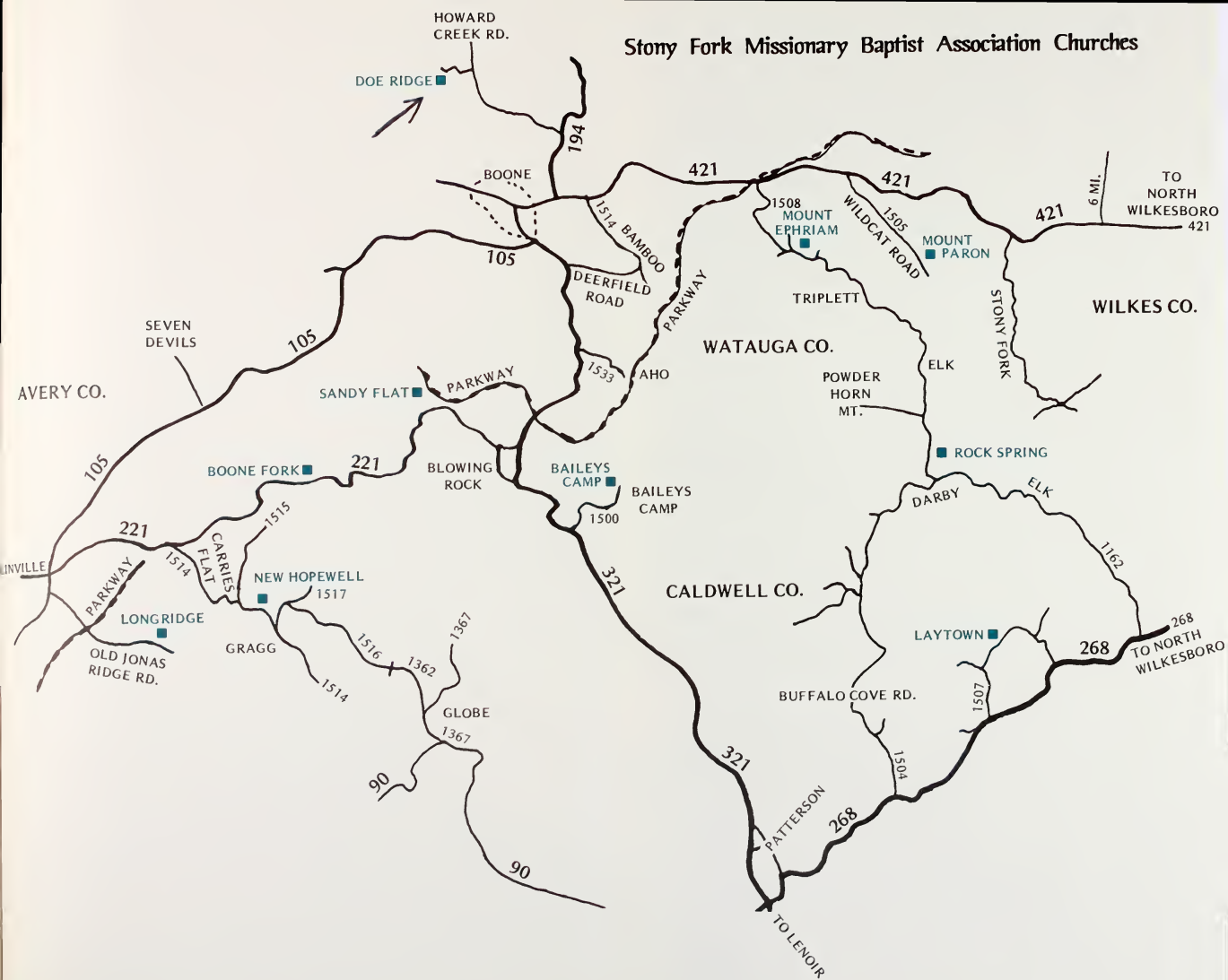
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TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES		YEAR ENDING 7-31 1987		OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES															Grand Total	
ASSOCIATED FOR		(Month & Day)		CHURCH SPONSORED MISSIONS				Cooperative Program											Mission expenditures	
SUNNORTH CAROLINA				136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150		
ASSOCIATED CHURCH				Money paid out on new construction during the year	All other church sponsored expenditures	Total church sponsored mission expenditures		Associational missions program	State missions	SF Home Missions (incl. Anne Arm strong Easter offering)	SF Foreign Missions (incl. Little Moon Christmas offering)	SF Christian education (schools, etc.)	SF Children's homes (leash plus goods)	SF Hospitals	SF Homes for the aged	All other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	Total other mission cause expenditures			
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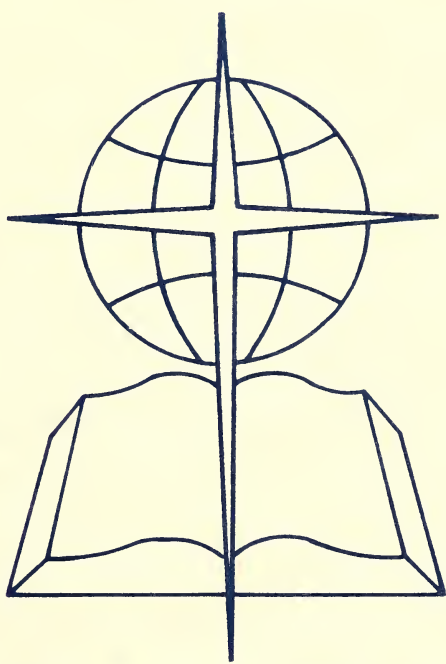
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1988**

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With
Doe Ridge, August 5, 1988

and with

Laytown on August 6, 1988

Next session will be held with Long Ridge, Newland, N.C. on Friday, August 11, 1989.
Second day with Mt. Ephriam, Triplett, N.C. on August 12, 1989.

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1989 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 11, 1989
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order	Moderator
9:05	Song	Congregation
9:10	Adoption of Program	Moderator
9:15	Roll Call	Clerk
9:20	Recognition of New Pastors & Workers	Moderator
9:30	Cooperative Program	Pauline Eldreth
9:45	Home Missions	Doris Tester
10:05	Evangelism	Archie Clawson
10:20	Stewardship	Roy Gryder
10:40	Children's Homes	Edwana Smith
11:00	Baptist Hospital	Linda Church
11:15	Retirement Homes	Mamie Craig
11:30	Annual Message	
	Adjournment	
	Lunch	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:10	Song	Congregation
1:15	Devotional	
1:20	Christian Education	Edith Gryder
1:30	Baptist Foundation	Dale Luttrell
1:40	Finance Report - Budget	Treasurer
1:50	State Missions	Rosetta Hollifield
2:05	Foreign Missions	Scott Church
2:15	Fruitland	
2:30	Annuity Board	
	Adjourn	

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 12, 1989
MT. EPHRIAM BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order	Moderator
9:05	Song	Congregation
9:10	Devotional	
9:15	Roll Call	Clerk
9:20	Temperance & Morals (CAL)	Charles Smith
9:40	Baptist Training Union	Charles Craig
9:50	Sunday School	Leon Silver
10:00	Womans Missonary Union	Eunice Luttrell
10:10	Annual Message	
11:00	Executive Report	Moderator

11:10 General Board Report

11:20 Resolutions Betty Woods

11:25 Obituaries

11:30 Election of Officers

Business

Lunch

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Associational Stewardship Director Roy Gryder, Rt. 2, Box 182,
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Eunice Luttrell / Dale Luttrell / Linda Mills / Roy Gryder / Carter Moretz

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Carter Moretz / Scott Church / Eunice Luttrell / Linda Mills

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Archie Clawson / Pastors of each church / Director of Missions

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastors of each church

BROTHERHOOD

Dennis Oakes

PIANO PLAYER

Sandra Church

SONG LEADER

Charles Smith

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Roy Gryder / Charles Craig / Archie Clawson / Don Harrison

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Associational Officers along with the pastors, chairman of the deacons and 2 elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum.

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Bailey Camp: Floyd Vines, Roy Gryder, Edith Gryder

Boone Fork: Rosetta Hollifield, Nellie Coffey, Dale Luttrell

Doe Ridge: Archie Clawson, Irene Clawson, Wanda Winkler, Junior Eldreth,
Pauline Eldreth, Clay EggersLaytown: Sandra Church, Randy Royal, Charles Smith, Edwana Smith,
Mrs. Nadine Holt, alternate and Debra Bryant, Alternate

Mt. Ephraim: Buster Henderson, Audrey Jenkins

Rock Spring: J.R. Robbins, Patty Robbins, Ben Walsh, Carroll Woods, Irene Dula

Sandy Flat: Charles Craig, Mamie Craig, Max West, Barbara West, Carol Moody

CONSTITUTION

OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (PROPOSED)

PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE I—Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Section 2. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches.

Section 3. Any Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitution of the Churches Committee and the majority vote of members present at any meeting as prescribed in Article IX.

Section 4. Any Church at her discretion, may withdraw from this body.

Section 5. This Association may at any meeting, after an investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

Section 6. Each church shall elect its messengers to the Annual Associational meeting. Each messenger must be certified in the annual church letter to the Association and must be appointed on the following ratio: Five messengers, in addition to the pastor, for each church having a membership not exceeding fifty, and one additional messenger for each increase of fifty. In no case shall the total number of messengers exceed ten for any given church, in addition to the pastor.

Section 7. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two consecutive years, the missions committee shall confer with church, and if satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the next Executive Committee Meeting, the Association shall at that time by a majority of present members shall vote to withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

Section 8. The Annual Associational meeting shall convene on Friday at 9:00 a.m., Recess from 12:00 noon to 1:10 p.m. for the noon meal and adjourn on or before 4:00 p.m. It shall reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and adjourn at the completion of business for the noon meal. This following the first Sunday in August.

ARTICLE II—Purpose

Section 1. The prime purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's kingdom and to promote unity and growth among the churches composing it.

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of this Association to enlist all of the churches into full cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of missions, evangelism, christian education and social service.

ARTICLE III—Powers and Perogatives

Section 1. The Association, when convened in meeting, shall sit as an advisory council and shall have no power to infringe on any of the internal rights or affairs of the member churches. It may advise however, with the member churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption or rejection.

Section 2. When grievances occur between any member of minority group of any church which is a member of the Association, the Association, the Executive Committee, or Missions Committee, or the committee designated by and acting for either of these bodies, may advise or give aid in matters which do not infringe on the rights of the local church, and this only on the invitation of the individual or group involved.

Section 3. Any church found unfaithful to the faith and practices common to the Association, as outlined in Addendum I—ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963) shall be encouraged to correct such errors, if the conduct of said church is not corrected and is of such nature as to alienate said church from the orderly and faithful churches of the Association, the Executive Committee of the Association can recommend that fellowship be withdrawn from said church, and upon a majority vote of the messengers in an Annual session, fellowship with such church can be withdrawn. (See Article I, Section 7)

ARTICLE IV—The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Association shall have an Executive Committee to serve as the Association between Annual Meetings, assisting in the overall work of the Association with such limitations as may be imposed by the constitution.

Section 2. The Executive committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the Pastors, and the Chairman of Deacons along with two elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum. The names of these persons shall be furnished annually to the Associational Clerk, if changes occur during the Associational year, these changes shall be forwarded to the Clerk.

Section 3. At the beginning of each Executive Committee Meeting, a roll call will be taken of each church and its representatives.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet within two weeks after the Annual Associational Meeting, the second Sunday of November, March, and July. These meetings shall be held in churches of the Association, consecutively, in Alphabetical order.

ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, W.M.U. Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Music Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Youth Coordinator.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected at each regular Annual Associational Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall fill vacancies that may occur in their respective categories between annual meetings of the association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Section 3. By the virtue of the office, the Associational Director of Missions is considered an ex-officio member of all Associational Committees. For all qualifications and terms of office see Article VII, Section 1.

ARTICLE VI—Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association to preside over the Annual Sessions, special sessions, and at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall provide leadership for a progressive ideal throughout the association. He shall be elected for a one year term, and he shall not succeed himself for a maximum of two full terms. He shall appoint in advance any other committees he may deem necessary or advisable. Each of these committees shall report at the Annual Meeting for which they are appointed. It shall be the responsibility of the Moderator to call any needed meetings at any time he deems necessary. The Moderator is considered an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence or at his request.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in regular and special sessions; to keep accurate records of quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee; to keep on file the printed minutes and other important documents belonging to the Association; to furnish the churches with the blank letter forms on which to make the annual reports to the association; to superintend the printing of the minutes, and to distribute them to the churches as soon after adjournment as possible. For this service the clerk shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the association and to disburse the same in accordance with the budget of the association or for the purposes for which the funds were contributed. To render to the association an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements at the first session of the annual meeting. In the treasurer's absence a member of the Finance Committee shall give the report. The Treasurer shall make available through the associational newsletter a quarterly report including the contributions of each church in the association. A quarterly report shall be made available at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. For this service, the treasurer shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 5. The Sunday School Director shall take the initiative in promoting inspirational meetings, study courses, and leadership classes for the churches of the association. He shall work in cooperation with the denominational Sunday School Agencies in promoting the denominational programs; and he will be responsible for coordinating and promoting Vacation Bible School work in conjunction with the Vacation Bible Director. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 6. The Church Training Director shall take the initiative in promoting the regular meetings projected by the State Convention and be available to the churches for help in strengthening the established unions and encourage the organization of new unions in churches without them. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 7. The Brotherhood Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary education within our association and be available to the churches to assist in strengthening organizations and programs of existing units. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 8. The WMU Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary

education within our association and she shall be available to the churches to assist in promoting and establishing new Baptist Women and Baptist Women Auxiliary units, and shall assist in strengthening the organizations and programs of existing units. She shall also work with the Nomination Committee in enlisting leadership for her organization.

Section 9. The Vacation Bible Director shall work in conjunction with the Associational Sunday School Director in enlisting and training workers, planning and organizing for the annual Vacation Bible School Clinic.

Section 10. The Music Director shall take the initiative in promoting the meetings and activities suggested by the state music leadership and be available to the churches to help in strengthening their music programs. The music director will also be responsible for the music at the Associational and Executive Committee Meetings. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 11. The Pianist will be responsible for playing the piano at all Associational and Executive Committee meetings.

Section 12. The Evangelism Chairman will work with the Evangelism programs in planning, promoting, and coordinating all Evangelistic activities for the association in conjunction with the Director of Missions.

ARTICLE VII—Director of Missions

Statement of Purpose and Position Title:

The office or position will be known as the Director of Missions for the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association. The Director of Missions shall provide responsible leadership in the work of the association through performing such basic functions as the planning, correlation, and implementation of programs, program services, and ministries of the association; counsel the churches; agencies of needs, problems, and potentialities within the association; and interpret to the churches the program resources and other assistance available from the Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Section 1. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Planning and Coordination

1. Lead the association in strategy planning; establishing and maintaining a long-range program. Lead the association to set goals and encourage the churches to work toward them.

2. Coordinate the associational work and meetings by serving as ex-officio member of all committees.

3. Work with program officers and the Nominating Committee in selecting and enlisting leaders for organizations and committees of the association.

4. Counsel, encourage, and lead in training the associational officers.

B. Education and Promotion

1. Seek to assist the pastors and the churches in programs suitable for their growth and development, recognizing the differences in size and diversity of membership, utilizing persuasion to promote fellowship and cooperation.

2. Seek out in cooperation with the Missions Committee places of missions need and seek to enlist an appropriate church to meet these needs. In the event no church(es) can be enlisted, upon the instruction of the Missions Committee, the Director of Missions may lead in such a program in the name of the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

3. Promote church organizational programs: Sunday School, Church Training,

Church Music, Brotherhood, WMU, and Vacation Bible School and Leadership Training.

4. Promote church assistance programs: Evangelism, Stewardship, and Family Life.

5. Plan for and promote simultaneous efforts, such as: World Missions Conferences, revival crusades, enlargement campaigns, training schools, etc.

6. Prepare in cooperation with the Missions Committee an annual associational calendar. Prepare a monthly associational newsletter for distribution in the association.

7. Attend denominational meetings and conferences as budget and time considerations permit.

8. Report to the executive boards at its regular meetings and to the association in annual session.

C. Service Ministry

1. Provide counsel and help as requested by pastors and churches.

2. Serve as pulpit supply, assist in church surveys, and conduct studies and revivals as requested in keeping with terms of employment. Pulpit supply for a period of 4 weeks.

3. Manage the associational office, supervise associational employees, and maintain equipment of the association.

4. Cooperate with the Finance Committee in planning the budget and promoting giving to the association.

5. Establish and announce office hours to best utilize the division of time between the associational office and field responsibilities.

6. Always working through the pastor, the Director of Missions will be available to offer aid to churches in need of assistance. No program will be conducted for a church without the invitation of the pastor and/or church. In the event the church is without a pastor, the Director of Missions will respond to requests from the church leadership.

Section 2. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

A. Term of Office—The Director of Missions shall be called for an indefinite term of service.

B. Remuneration—Remuneration will be recommended by the Missions and Finance Committees and approved by the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

C. Honorariums—Honorariums received for pulpit supply, weddings, funerals, revivals, and pastoral service, not directly related to his normal responsibilities, shall be considered personal remuneration.

D. Work Schedule—Work schedules will vary, with weekends normally being kept for services in churches in the association.

E. Work Accountability—The Missions Committee pledges itself to a ministry of loyalty, support, and loving encouragement of the Director of Missions, so that under the leadership of the Spirit of God, he may render the most effective service possible.

F. Both parties must give a thirty day notice before termination.

Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Spiritual—A committed Christian with a sense of definite call to mission service.

B. Educational—Preferably college and seminary degrees, or their equivalent.

C. Special Knowledge and Skills—Knowledge of Baptist denominational life and a willingness to continue to learn; vision, flexibility, and demonstrated leadership ability in planning, conducting, and evaluating the work of the association.

D. Character—Christian integrity.

E. Experience—Pastoral ministry, Christian education or associational and other mission experience are necessary. Preferably the associational experience should be as a director of missions, associational staff member or as an active and responsible officer in an association. The mission experience may be in the establishment of and involvement in mission outreach and ministry in a mission, church or association.

ARTICLE VIII—Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. The committee of time, place and preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of the committee to recommend to the association, the churches where the next session will be held, preferably to be taken in alphabetical order, and also the preacher for the annual session. In order to alleviate any hardship on any one church hosting as associational meeting, it is suggested that two churches may jointly host each meeting. Expenses, meeting places, and other arrangements will be coordinated by the churches selected.

Section 2. The committee on Resolutions shall be composed of two members. It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or as directed by the messengers of the association.

Section 3. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the association. When adopted, the program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by the vote of the body.

Section 4. The committee of Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare for the association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices and reports: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Brotherhood Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Associational State Representatives, also persons for the following reports shall also be selected; Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Stewardship, Cooperative Program, Obituaries, Temperance and Morals, V.B.S. Report, W.M.U. Report, Sunday School Report, and any others designated by the association. Representatives for the following shall be selected: N.C. Baptist Hospital, N.C. Childrens Home, Baptist Home for the Aging, Denominational Colleges (Christian Education), Denominational Literature (Religious Literature), Annuity Board, Baptist Foundation, and any others designated by the association. The committee on Nominations shall be responsible for selection and contacting each of these persons for their approval before the annual meeting. The floor shall be open for nominations for these offices on the day of the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be taken first, then the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall give nomination of committee. All nominees must be contacted beforehand and permission given for acceptance of nomination. The W.M.U. will elect their officers.

Section 5. The Finance Committee shall be composed of five members, one of which will include the Treasurer of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and recommend a budget for the association and to suggest ways and means whereby the budget can be raised by the local churches and to secure the cooperation of the churches in raising the budget. The Finance committee will present the proposed budget on the first day of the annual associational meeting with discussion and adoption scheduled for the second day. The Finance Committee shall meet prior to the quarterly Executive Committee Meeting and shall

prepare on a regular form acceptable to the association, a detailed financial report which will be given to each member present at the quarterly meetings and the annual associational meeting.

Section 6. The Missions Committee shall be composed of five members and this committee shall report to and cooperate with the Executive Committee of the association. The duties of this committee are: (a) to coordinate and help promote through the organizations and committees all phases and activities of the associational programs, (b) to cooperate with the local churches in making surveys of areas which in the opinion of the Missions Committee are being adequately served by the local missionary Baptist work, and to promote and develop those new phases of the Missions programs, (c) to serve in advisory capacity to the Director of Missions in all matters pertaining to his work and to serve with him in directing and promoting the missions programs of the association, (d) to provide information and assistance to the departments of State Missions of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in meeting local missionary needs, such as Missionary pastor's assistance, promoting mission's causes, etc., (e) the Missions Committee shall meet prior to the Executive Committee of the Association or at any time necessary to discharge its duties, (f) this committee shall have the following responsibilities relating to the office of Director of Missions:

1. Serve as a search committee for a Director of Missions.
2. Recommend to the Executive Committee the name of the nominee.
3. Coordinate financial matters with the Baptist State Convention.
4. Serve as a liaison between the churches and the Director of Missions.

Section 7. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be composed of the Missions Committee and one selected layperson of the association making six members. It shall be the duty of this committee to review and update the Constitution and By-Laws as it becomes necessary. This committee will recommend revisions and amendments concerning the constitution and By-laws to the association as deemed necessary. They shall meet at least once a year before the annual meeting to review and discuss the constitution.

Section 8. The committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the churches

ARTICLE IX—Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches

The Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches shall be made up of the Missions Committee members.

Section 1. Any group of baptized believers in Christ desiring to organize themselves into a missionary Baptist church with the purpose of seeking the recognition of and fellowship and cooperate with this association, shall be required to fulfill the following requirements. They shall submit their request for admission to the Director of Missions or the Moderator of the Association, who will in turn forward it to the Committee of Petitionary Letters. In addition to the letter of request, a church must also furnish a report of work accomplished since its organization, a copy of the church covenant, and its articles of faith.

Section 2. Any church seeking admission into the fellowship of the Association must be under the watchcare of the Association for a period of one year before it can be admitted. During this interim period, the church shall be expected to have part in the support of the causes fostered by the association, The North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 3. The findings of the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall be reported at the annual associational meeting or at the Executive Committee meeting with a recommendation either for or against admission.

Section 4. If the church is accepted under the watchcare of the association, the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall recommend at the end of the year that the church be accepted into full fellowship provided that examination of that years work done and a study of the cooperative spirit of that church proves to be in accordance to the principles of the churches of the association. A two-thirds majority vote of the Messengers or Executive Committee members present shall be needed for such an action to be completed. There will be an appropriate program conducted during the annual meeting to formally welcome this new church into the association.

Section 5. For a sister cooperative Missionary Baptist church that is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, that wishes to join or transfer status, the same procedure is needful with the exception of the one year of associational watchcare. Upon receipt of letter of request, the Committee of Petitions shall recommend its findings to the Executive Committee, and after a thirty day period of investigation the discretion of the Executive Committee shall be used if immediate acceptance of fellowship is possible. If accepted, a program of welcoming shall be presented at the annual associational meeting.

ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution or any part of the constitution shall be amended at the annual associational meeting in August, with the acceptance by two-thirds majority vote. It is suggested that all changes and recommendations of amendments be submitted two months prior to annual meeting in August, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their careful consideration; however, any messenger has the right to submit proposed changes in accordance with this article.

By-Laws

1. All associational meetings shall be opened and closed in prayer.
2. "Roberts Rules of Order," shall be used as a guideline for parliamentary procedure in all associational meetings. The Moderator will be responsible for having a copy of same at all meetings and a copy of parliamentary procedure and the gavel of the association shall be transferred upon succession of the moderator.
3. All associational officers shall exercise authority over their departments and shall give a financial accounting to the Finance Committee for monies expended.
4. Election and installation of officers shall take place on the last day of the annual associational meeting in August, and these officers shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and providing leadership for the coming year in the association.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Time, Place and Preacher Committee will be amended to the hosting church pastor or a preacher of his choice will be the preacher for the associational meetings. Committee membership will be filled according to the number of people participating in associational work.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article VIII-Committees and their duties, Section 4. Amended to: recommendations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented first, then nominations will be taken from the floor.

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and twenty-seventh annual meeting of Stony Fork Association was called to order by Scott Church, Moderator at 9 o'clock on August 5, 1988 at Doe Ridge. The congregation sang Amazing Grace. Prayer was led by Buddy Oakes.

The program was adopted with revisions to be made as they become necessary for the convenience or necessity of the speakers and presenters.

All 8 active churches were represented with 4 visitors with a total of 32 in attendance. Seven churches were represented on the second day with 33 in attendance.

New pastors recognized were Buddy Oakes of Boone Fork and Floyd Vines of Bailey Camp.

The following reports were read, moved for adoption and approved on the first day.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus told his disciples to "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This is the great commission.

The Cooperative Program is the heart and pulse beat of over 14 million Southern Baptists who take seriously their mission work responsibility.

All funds for the Cooperative Program originate with the local church. Through this giving, each person and church can have a part in each mission endeavor.

Cooperation is essential, and it is clear that churches that work together are able to accomplish more than churches that work alone.

The Cooperative Program holds us together as churches, working first in associations and then in the state, and then as a national convention. It is also an expression of Baptist people who, under the command of Christ, reach out together with low fear and high trust.

God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding, we are channels made for sharing.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Eldreth

BOBBY STAFFORD SPOKE TO THIS REPORT:

We need to take seriously our commitment to the Cooperative Program. The money goes to all the mission endeavors throughout the land. Our Cooperative Program is probably more in jeopardy now than ever before because of conflict in the SBC and is down about 5% now. At least a 10th of your income should be going to the Cooperative Program. Conflicts are affecting our missions. Missionaries in 116 countries throughout the world are put there through Cooperative Program giving.

Also, 5% of the church budget should go to associational missions because 52% of N.C. does not know Christ as their personal savior. So many good things come out of the Cooperative Program and associational missions — so keep giving through your church.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N.C.
ROY J. SMITH, GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER
DIVISION OF STEWARDSHIP
O.D. MARTIN, JR., DIRECTOR
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS
AND SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Gifts through the Cooperative Program actually received by business office of the Baptist State Convention for the period listed below. Check this with your church records and please report any difference to O. D. Martin, Jr., P.O. Box 1107, Cary, N.C. 27512

Special offerings from the churches for Baptist causes shown as designated.

January 1 through September 30, 1988

Churches Name	Cooperative Program			Designated	
	Current Quarter	Total to Date Above	To Date Last Year	Current Quarter	To Date Above
Stony Fork					
Baileys Camp	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Boone Fork	185.00	185.00	347.25	.00	426.75
Doe Ridge	121.48	298.96	233.91	.00	.00
Laytown	.00	50.00	354.04	.00	100.00
Long Ridge	61.00	596.00	1,086.30	.00	50.00
Mount Ephriam	232.00	813.00	759.00	.00	.00
Mount Paron	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Mount View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Hopewell	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Rock Spring	978.00	2,386.29	2,349.45	131.47	942.44
Rock View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Sandy Flat	182.00	252.01	333.00	.00	2,201.49
Other Than Church	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL	1,759.58	4,581.26	5,462.95	131.47	3,720.68

HOME MISSIONS

Home Missions Board president, Larry Lewis affirmed the role of Baptist centers in ministering to the poor of our nation. He urges the directors to go out into the highways and hedges to reach people for Christ.

WHY WE NEED MORE CHURCHES

1. More than 100 million persons in the U.S.A. do not attend any church.
2. At the turn of the century, there was one church for every 4,000 people in the U.S. Today there is one church for every 6,200 people. To return to the nineteenth century ratio would require 20,000 new churches.
3. Southern Baptist's have a goal of 50,000 new churches by the year 2000. To meet this goal we will have to begin 1,300 new churches each year between now and AD 2000.
4. Christ established the church as his instrument for the spread of the gospel. People hear the good news in church and they respond in faith.
5. Existing churches usually do not grow very much after they are 10 years old.
6. When communities grow, many of the new people do not get involved in an existing church.
7. People need a church where they understand the language, are comfortable with the worship style, and meet Christians with whom they enjoy fellowship.
8. In response to the great commission, southern Baptists must help to make possible "a church for everyone."

Throughout America, there is a channel of prayer connecting missionaries and individuals who pray for them.

It is encouraging to know that God cares about his people and gives special answers to our prayers. You never know when a prayer is going to be answered. God works on his own timetable. Be much in prayer for Home Missions in the U.S.A.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Tester

EVANGELISM REPORT

This is the year of the laity in Evangelism. There will be a Lay Witnessing Annual Meeting at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro, August 18-19 with the keynote speaker being Rev. Wayne Bristow, Director of Evangelism of Oklahoma Baptist State Convention.

Our objections in evangelism should be to win the lost to Christ. We must motivate church leaders to make evangelism the priority of the church — by personal or mass evangelism. This must be an ongoing process. Evangelism is every Christian's job. We must be committed to soul winning, showing concern for the lost, and be in prayer continually for the lost.

Respectfully submitted,
Archie Clawson

VICTOR COLE SPOKE TO THIS REPORT

Your testimony should be what Jesus is doing in your life right now — not some time in the past. Pastors are the generals and the people are the foot soldiers and together we can win the battle against hell.

Scripture John 15:1-8. It is in fruit bearing that we prove that we are disciples of Jesus Christ. If souls are not being born again, the Kingdom of God is not growing. 1900 years have passed since Jesus said these words, but less people are being baptized into our churches. In N.C., it takes 52 people to bring one person to Christ, on the foreign mission field it takes 10½ people. There was a 6.8% decline in baptisms in the SBC in 1987. We're not bearing much fruit. To reach everyone by the year 2000, it must become personal to each of us, we have to be fruit bearers for the Lord Jesus Christ. The fields are white and we need eyes that are open and hearts that are burdened to reach them. Do you know someone who is not a Christian? Family near and far, neighbors, friends, people you make contact with in any way, make a list of each one. How long is that list? Start to share Christ with each one, help them to find their way to the Kingdom of God. When God realizes you are a faithful servant, he will send people across your path. God gets his work done on earth through people. Be a person who gives life to others. Pray consistently for the people on your list by name. Don't give up if they are hard-hearted. Pray and God will answer and soften that heart. Don't underestimate the power of prayer. Soul winning is every Christian's job. Let the fire start in a few hearts and it will spread throughout the land. Evangelism that counts is always one to one.

REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

You took the time, you cared. You gave much when you didn't have to. In behalf of Dr. Blackwell, the children in care, our staff and trustees, thank you for your prayers, your caring and financial support. You are special to this child care ministry.

A major thrust beyond our quality child care this year was the completion of our Long Range Plans. To continue being bold in child care, several challenges were accepted by our staff and trustees from the results of our five-year LRP. We plan to add two emergency care homes — another one on the Kennedy Home campus and one where the need is greatest. The Cameron Boys Camp will be expanded to care for 50 boys. Two specialized small group homes will be opened by early 1989 — a teenage mother-baby home and a behavior change program for teenage girls in Lenoir.

Fifty percent of our children have had little or no spiritual training prior to their being in our care. We rejoice that 79 were baptized into the family of God. Our ministry is "missions in Miniature."

To meet these challenges and continue the current ministry to children, our budget must move from seven million dollars (which it has been for five years) to 11 million dollars by 1992-93. We hope that by 1993, the Baptists of North Carolina will be giving 50% of our daily operating budget. Currently we receive 34%. This can be achieved by increasing church receipts through the Cooperative Program, the Homes & Hospital Offering and designated gifts from churches and individuals. The future of child care in North Carolina is in the hands of the Baptists of our great state. We believe they will meet the challenge.

UPDATE FROM THE HICKORY-LENOIR FAMILY SERVICES CENTER

This has been an exciting year. A partnership between the Caldwell Department of Social Services and the Baptists Children's Home of North Carolina is imminent. A gift from Mrs. Marguerite Noel of Kannapolis will facilitate the purchase of a house for the Behavior Change Program in Lenoir. A gift from the Broyhill Foundation will enable us to purchase a house for the Teenage-Mother-Baby Program also in Lenoir. The partnership calls for equal financial responsibility with the Baptist Children's Homes also providing the program and staff. The Hickory-Lenoir office will be moved to the Noel Home in Caldwell County.

Katrina Shields joined the Hickory-Lenoir staff as a social worker in August providing much needed assistance with the increasing number of applications for all BCH ministries.

Group meetings for parents of boys at Cameron Boys Home has proven helpful to staff, boys and parents.

We are a service institution ready to meet the needs of hurting children and their families, in partnership with you to serve the children of North Carolina.

Michael C. Blackwell, President
Donna Lail, Director Hickory-
Lenoir Family Services Area
Charles L. Tanner, Director
Church/Community Relations

(Report not read at Annual Meeting)

CHARLES TANNER SPOKE TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

The homes see hurting children and families and minister through the maternity home at Asheville. The homes served 11,000 children last year across the state and baptized 79 into the Family of Christ. One boy weighed 375 lbs. and needed a special bed and chair but he has lost 50 lbs. since coming to the home and is learning to work, to become productive member of society. One girl came from an alcoholic family and won 4 scholarships to go on to college. Our home was there for her to give her a start. We begin our 104th year this year.

It's not important how much you know, but how much you care, and youngsters know how much you care immediately. Our homes help children realize their personal worth and build self-esteem, teach them to be themselves, expose them to opportunities to hear about Jesus and to accept Him into their lives.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1988

Perhaps the word which best sums up the past year at Baptist Hospital is expansion — expansion of facilities and services.

The hospital, together with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, is still in the midst of the largest health related expansion program ever in North Carolina.

The \$140 million project has seen the completion of a four-story MRU building, the completion of a six-story addition to its research building, the completion of an addition to the power plant, completion of additional parking space, the near completion of a fifteen-story patient tower, and the beginning of a new clinical services building.

New programs in health care, initiated in recent months, include the Brenner Children's Hospital, the Sticht Center on Aging, a new hand center, ligament transplants, new methods of treating certain types of cancer, new procedures for helping patients with heart problems, and the beginning of Air Care International.

During the past fiscal year, the total hospital revenue budget has been \$181 million. Total personnel is over 3,800. There were 22,085 patient admissions for a total of 196,554 patient care days. Some 13,680 surgical procedures were performed including 1,022 open heart operations and 32 kidney transplants. There were 282,907 radiological procedures, 4,401,552 clinical laboratory tests, 14,500 chemotherapy treatments, 833 lithotripsy treatments, and 480 Air Care missions.

The Department of Pastoral Care continues its ministries to: the patient in the hospital; the family and friends of patients; the medical staff who minister to the patient; the person requesting counseling in our centers in Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Morganton, Charlotte, Rockingham, North Wilkesboro; the ministers who seek our courses in clinical instruction, equipping them for specialized and pastoral ministries.

Added to these are our "Pastors' Sabbath" and "Interim Church" programs . . . as we work closely with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in addressing the needs of pastors and churches.

The faithful delivery of pastoral care, beginning within our Medical Center and reaching around the world, is the ministry to which we make renewed commitment.

Like most hospitals throughout the nation, Baptist has been faced with a critical shortage of nurses and other health care personnel. A variety of programs are being implemented which are designed to attract and hold needed staff members. Among these are: a day care center for children of employees, wage and salary adjustments, weekend shift differential, weekend options program, case management concept, and a loan/scholarship program for students preparing for health care careers.

In January, Dr. John Lynch, who had been president of the hospital for more than seventeen years, submitted his resignation. The trustees have appointed a Search Committee which is seeking his successor. Mr. Len B. Preslar, Jr., who for many years has been vice-president for Financial Management, has been named chief executive officer.

During the past fiscal year, Baptist Hospital received \$659,062 through the Cooperative Program and \$290,585 through the Homes and Hospital Offering. The trustees, staff and patients are all extremely grateful for this financial support.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Church

CALVIN KNIGHT SPOKE TO THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

The key word in what we are trying to do at Baptist Hospital is transplant. We began with corneal transplants many years ago. Since 1971, we have been doing kidney transplants, 300 in the past 18 years, 32 last year, giving a new life to these

people. We did our first heart transplant 2 years ago on a young man who is now in college and doing well. More recently, this year, we began doing ligament transplants, especially knees. Free muscle transfer in which one part of the body is transferred to another and muscle from a thigh can be transplanted to an arm to make a mangled arm useful again.

The hospital also provides other needs, such as chaplains, through Pastoral Care and other spiritual needs that often arise.

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

I. MISSION

The Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc., began operation in 1951 with a charge to provide a Home for "Aged Saints" in the spirit of Christian care. The mission of the Homes continues to be that of providing quality residential opportunities for Older Adults within a Christian context.

The foundation of the ministry is based in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for in the Gospel is a message of healing and wholeness. The Homes believes this message offers Older Adults the meaning, purpose, and dignity needed to enrich their lives.

The hallmark of the Homes' ministry is the quality of its care. It is a distinction that is present at all levels, in all locations, in all services. The Homes take seriously its responsibility to make its residential opportunities available to Older Adults across the State and to be continually responsive to the needs of Older Adults as those needs expand and change.

With that in mind, the Homes operates facilities in locations across the State: Asheville in the West, Hamilton in the East, Yanceyville in the North, and Albemarle in the Southern Piedmont. A multi-level care facility in Winston-Salem currently services the needs of Older Adults from all over the State.

Older Adults have different needs, and the level of care for any single individual necessarily changes as time passes. It is for this reason that the Homes offers independent living in an apartment setting, personal care for those who require some assistance with daily living, and two levels of nursing care.

II. NEED

According to a January, 1987 Report of the Office of State Budget of the State of North Carolina, the number of North Carolina citizens age 65 and over will increase by 203,935 (28.9%) by 1995 and 286,831 (40.6%) by the year 2000.

Statistics for the North Carolina Baptist Older Adult Population are even more dramatic. The percentage of increase for the 80-plus age group in Baptist Life (those individuals most likely to need residential care) is predicted to be more than 50% by the year 2000. Attempting to address this great challenge, the Baptist Retirement Homes has launched a bold new program of development and ministry that includes the following:

1. THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES.

A five-level continuing care retirement community (Brookridge) is now under construction in Winston-Salem. Land for that same purpose has been purchased in South Charlotte. Planning for the development of similar communities has begun in Asheville and in Eastern North Carolina.

2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HOME HEALTH CARE MINISTRY.

In 1988, the Homes received a grant from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation to study the feasibility of establishing a volunteer-based Home Health Care program that will enable frail Older Adults to continue to live independently in their homes with some assistance.

The Homes believes that the ability to remain in one's own home as long as possible can benefit Older Adults by enhancing both their quality of life and their life-span. Fixed incomes and meager resources mean that Older Adults are also benefited as they seek to use their funds prudently: there will be no charge for the Home Health Care services. The Homes also believes there is an enormous segment of the Older Adult population that is not yet in need of residential care but does need the kind of "light nursing" that this concept of Home Health Care provides.

3. THE DEVELOPMENT OF FINANCIAL SUBSIDIES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS AND MINISTERS' SPOUSES AND OTHER OLDER ADULTS WITH LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR RETIREMENT LIVING.

The fastest growing segment of North Carolina Baptist life is the Older Adult population. The needs for residential living opportunities on all levels (from independent living to nursing care) grow as the population does. A large number of Baptist Older Adults requiring service within a residential environment cannot afford the cost of that care.

Particularly does this seem to be true for a large number of retired pastors and their spouses. Because so many ministers have lived in church-owned parsonages or have been given housing allowances, thereby never developing home equity, it is extremely difficult for retiring pastors to underwrite the cost of retirement living or residential care in their later years. The Homes feels a particular commitment to these individuals and has responded as much as the parameters of its Benevolent Care Program will allow. New sources of funding must be found if this great need is to be met.

As we move into 1989, opportunities for creative ministry with Older Adults abound. With the support of North Carolina Baptists, the Baptist Retirement Homes will endeavor to turn those opportunities into the kind of reality that will meaningfully service the needs of the Older Adults of our State.

Respectfully submitted,
Mamie Craig
For N.C. Baptist
Retirement Homes

ARNETT HARRIS SPOKE TO THIS REPORT

We now have 5 homes in N.C. Senior adults are now growing by leaps and bounds in N.C. The Retirement Homes has a long range plan for 3 new homes. One is now under construction in Winston-Salem. We have secured property near Charlotte and are looking for a site in the eastern part of the state. The Retirement Homes are available to help you in your retirement years in any way we can.

ANNUAL MESSAGE

Kenneth Ridings, Fruitland: God has blessed Fruitland over the years and funds are available to help pastors from smaller churches. To be called to preach by God is to be prepared.

Scripture: Acts 13:13-16

All Christians count. There are no bad Christians — underfed, neglectful, abused Christians, but no bad Christians. There are many average Christians. I don't take my family to an average doctor, I don't want an average army defending my country. Some Christians are not satisfied in being an average Christian. Those who excel in Christian service are those who are willing to serve in secondary positions of life. Barnabas was such a person in this scripture as he had been the leader but now Paul is the leader. Three outstanding characteristics of those who are willing to serve in secondary positions of life are: 1. Those who accept assignments of life without complaint. 2. Those who do their duty in life without complaint. 3. Those who pinpoint their positions with a confession. Those who have been divinely released and reassigned. You will never sail the seas of service until God charts the course and set you sailing. God ought to be in charge of your life. God must select leadership for our churches. Everyone is welcome in God's church. The place for you to be is where God wants you to be. Three characteristics for those who are divinely released and reassigned are: 1. Selected. 2. Separated. 3. Sent. And they must be saturated by the Holy Spirit.

Servants who excel are those who worship consistently every day of their life. Worship is done at an appointed time on an appointed day for an appointed purpose on a day to day basis. Servants who excel are watching for opportunities to serve Jesus everywhere they are. They know what they are going to say when the door is opened. The message was bold and the message was Biblical, live watching for an opportunity to share a word of exhortation.

PROCEEDINGS

Afternoon session congregation sang "Rescue the Perishing." J.R. Robbins led the devotion from Hebrews 5:12-14. The following reports were presented and adopted.

**NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST COLLEGE REPORT — 1988
COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA**

WHAT IS A BAPTIST COLLEGE?

First, Baptist colleges are colleges, places where teaching and learning take place. During 1987-1988 almost 18,000 students and more than 1300 faculty members worked at the task of making your Baptist colleges good colleges. A college cannot be a church any more than a church can be a college. Christian education of church and community leaders is the task your colleges gladly undertake.

Second, the word "Baptist" tells what kind of colleges they are. Baptists began them all, provides financial support for them, and send their young people to them for a good education in a Christian environment. These colleges are special places where lives are changed and where life commitments come into focus for students.

Third, Baptist colleges are partners with the churches in missions. Each year there are many Baptist groups which are hosted and cared for by the seven Baptist colleges. Some of these who met at one or more of our colleges during 1987-1988 are these: January Bible Study preparation; summer ministries orientation for students working with churches; youth ministry retreats; youth choir festivals and children's choir camps; pastors' schools; Christian studies for pastors and their families; senior adult rallies; Directors of Missions summer meeting; church weekday education workshops; Special Olympics for the mentally retarded; Church Training doctrine seminars; pastor support conferences; church incorporation seminars; WMU-sponsored Acteens meetings; RA track meets; Pioneer RA Congress; Baptist Young Men's Congress; Crusader RA Congress; Baptist Student days; construction of Mars Hill College chapel by N.C. Baptist Men volunteers; annual May meeting of the General Board and all committees; March meeting of the General Board's Executive Committee; and more.

THE GOAL: CHURCH RELATED COLLEGES AND COLLEGE RELATED CHURCHES

Gardner-Webb: 1905 - Wingate: 1896 - Meredith: 1891 Campbell: 1887

Mars Hill: 1856 - Chowan: 1848 - Wake Forest: 1834

Harry Sherwood spoke to the Baptist Colleges Report; The Baptist Colleges are your colleges. Our goal is to do those things Baptist Colleges ought to do as well as the Baptist churches do.

Your sons and daughters can attend a Baptist College. We are committed to making this possible. Our goal is to train young men and women to become contributing people to their local church community.

FINANCE REPORT

Income

Baptist State Convention	\$4,999.92
Boone Fork	460.00
Doe Ridge	301.00
Laytown	300.00
Long Ridge	600.00
Mt. Ephriam	600.00

Rock Springs	600.00
Sandy Flat	746.39
Total	\$8,607.31
Gift from friends	130.00
For Minutes	185.00
	8,922.31

Paid out

Director of Missions Salary	4,122.00
Annuity	624.00
Travel	1,397.97
Convention	477.16
Taxes 1987	588.72
Taxes this year	300.00
Total	\$7,509.85

Associated Expenses

Newsletter	55.00
Minutes	365.14
VBS	121.69
PO Rent	7.00
Clerk & Treasury salary	400.00
Typewriter	340.72
WMU trip	567.54
Total	\$1,857.09

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR STONY FORK ASSOCIATION
1988-1989

	(-)10%	0%	(+)10%
Sunday School	25.00	25.00	50.00
Vacation Bible School	150.00	150.00	150.00
Church Training	25.00	25.00	50.00
Evangelism	75.00	100.00	200.00
Youth Ministry	50.00	75.00	150.00
Mission Expansion	100.00	200.00	375.00
WMU	0	0	300.00
Total	\$425.00	\$575.00	\$1,275.00

Staff Salaries

* Director of Missions	4722.00	4722.00	4722.00
Annuity	675.00	675.00	675.00
Travel Expenses	1000.00	1500.00	1500.00
Convention & Conferences	400.00	500.00	500.00
Total	\$6,797.00	\$7,397.00	7,397.00

Administrative Services

Clerk Honorarium	250.00	250.00	250.00
Treasurer Honorarium	250.00	250.00	250.00
**Office Supplies	300.00	400.00	500.00
Telephone	25.00	50.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	25.00	50.00	100.00
Total	\$850.00	\$1,000.00	1,200.00
Total Budget	\$8,072.00	8,972.00	\$9,872.00

* Salary plus taxes

** Post office box, newsletter, paper, postage, pencils, cost over run on minutes of \$200.00

EDWIN COATES SPOKE TO THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION REPORT

As Christians we have something that non-Christians do not have. In this country there are thousands with whom we can share Jesus Christ.

We need to be a witness now through our life but also after we are gone, through our wills.

No report presented from the Baptist Foundation.

CHANGING LIVES THROUGH STATE MISSIONS

Changing lives through State Missions has been the theme of N.C. Baptist for over 150 years. They have been organized to present the message of Christ to the people of this state. There are two kinds of people, those who minister and those who have been ministered to through State Missions and also our associational ministries.

Some of these ministries are the N.C. Baptist Men helping others. We know of those who have gone to different countries to drill wells, build better homes, showing natives how to raise better crops and feeding the hungry. In this way they show their love for Christ and the people. Then they can witness more effectively to the people.

Our Baptist Colleges are helped by State Missions, making it possible for young people to afford a college education if they so desire.

State Missions also help the Christian Action League of N.C., Woman's Missionary Union, the N.C. Baptist Assembly, the Caraway Conference Center and resort ministries such as parks and camps. We are involved in the ministry to the NASCAR racing. Camps such as Caraway and Caswell are available to Sunday School classes, family retreats, senior citizen retreats and for meetings of the General Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosetta Hollifield

CORBIN COOPER SPOKE TO THE STATE MISSIONS AND HOME MISSIONS REPORTS

My theme for ministry would be Mark 1 when Jesus asked the fishermen to follow him and he would teach them how to catch people. That's what missions are all about.

State and Home Missions is an expansive work that is ever expanding and God alone knows how many people and how many places they reach.

A new Gallup poll shows 84% of the people "believe" in Jesus but only half go to church. Belief in Jesus is rising but our churches are shrinking. There are 5,644 different languages in the world today. We need a Bible translated into all of them. State Missions work with black relations, prison ministry, seminary extension courses, volunteer programs and programs for bi-vocational pastors. We have begun a new ministry working in black communities.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT 1988

This year seven of our churches had Vacation Bible School. There was a total attendance of 234.

Seven of us from the Stony Fork Association attended the State VBS clinic in March, 1988:

Mary Greene	Middle Children
Sandra Church	Older Children
Edwana Smith	Younger Children
Scott Church	Adults
Barbara West	Director
Burl Jones	Director of Missions
Edith Gryder	Youth
Donna Triplett	Older pre-school
Virginia Smith	Middle pre-school

Our Associational VBS Clinic was held at Sandy Flat Baptist Church with 46 attending.

I have some wonderful news to share with you concerning VBS in our churches this year. Doe Ridge had an adult VBS this year. They had not had one for several years.

Laytown had 7 people saved during Bible School and also 3 rededications.

I would like to encourage you to have Vacation Bible School at your church. If I or any of the conference leaders can help you with a school, let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara West, VBS Director

REPORT TO FOREIGN MISSIONS

Baptisms topped 2,000 for the first time, averaging close to one baptism for every eleven members. Overseas churches first reported 100,000 baptisms in one year after 135 years of Southern Baptist Missions; now only seven years later, 203,824 persons were baptized in one year.

An average of three churches were started per day. Thirty-two mission countries supported some 179 foreign missionaries and close to 750 home missionaries of their own.

Four hundred and seven persons pulled up stakes in the United States to become missionaries around the world, "in obedience to His command." They brought the total missionary force to 3,848 in 112 countries.

The number of national pastors reached an all-time high of 16,680, a 14.6% increase over the number of overseas pastors serving the previous year.

The number of nationals receiving leadership training increased by 40% to 28,691.

More than 7,600 volunteers helped missionaries around the world on short-term projects. Another 1,054 Southern Baptist lay persons living overseas were involved in missions work.

The report was taken from the 1988-89 Partners in missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Church

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 8-6-88

The second day was called to order by the Moderator. The congregation sang "Tell it to Jesus." Devotion was led by Scott Church from First John 4:1-6.

J.R. ROBBINS GAVE THE GENERAL BOARD REPORT

We have begun the Brazil Partnership and I encourage you to check into this. They need many new churches built. Project 1 in a million has begun in which time on T.V. will be used to spotlight an individual N.C. Baptist at work each one.

SCOTT CHURCH SPOKE TO THE TEMPERANCE AND MORALS REPORT

So many things are happening in our counties that we should be incensed about. A Christian should do what a Christian should do and vote in the best candidate for the job. Some things we need to be really concerned about are gambling, child pornography, abortion, alcohol and drugs.

Scripture: Romans 1:16-32.

The following reports were presented and adopted.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We meet each year to worship, learn, fellowship together, and to recapture the vision of what we as a part of the great and vital body called Southern Baptist exist to do. Where we enjoy the time together with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and it is proper and fitting that we do so, it is still a time when we must ask some serious and sobering questions.

Are we as a body of caring and loving Christian people really showing the unsaved world that we care? Based on the way that we use our dollars to spread God's word, the answer to that is yes and no.

I took the amount of the mission spending of each of our eight churches and compared it, as a percentage, to the church's total income for both of the last two years. While I am pleased to note that the total offerings of our churches was up 18.3% (\$20421), our giving to missions of all types has dropped by 5.9% (\$2167).

I fear that we, here, are the ones who have failed. We leave these meetings full of enthusiasm for mission work but somehow fail to deliver the message back to the people of our churches.

Once again, as I have said in the past, I plead with you to work hard at taking the work to our churches. Let us vow to work hard and long to make our people aware of the need of their prayers, their dollars, and their commitment to reach unsaved people, near and far.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gryder

TALMADGE WILLIAMS SPOKE TO THIS REPORT ON THE FIRST DAY

Scripture: Acts 1:6-8.

Jesus told his disciples they were going to receive power and they were going to be his disciples. He will empower us today to be his disciples and we must go and teach and make disciples in all nations. He told us he would always go with us. We are never alone, he empowers us. Buildings, programs, organizations, etc. are important but bearing witness to Jesus is our mission. We begin where we are and spread the good news. We need to combine our resources to be the most effective minister to human needs and we have done this through the Cooperative Program. It is because we cooperate and give cooperatively that we have missionaries all over the world, across the 50 states and ministries to special people with special needs. We must follow Jesus' example in ministry and we can do this if we love the Lord enough to work together.

CHURCH TRAINING WHAT IS CHURCH TRAINING

IT IS:

- Dated Church training curriculum
- Life Materials
- New Church Member Training
- Youth and Children Bible Drill
- Family Life Conferences
- Dobson Films on Family
- Continuing Witness Training
- Church Study Course
- Equipping Centers
- Doctrine Materials
- Master Life

Survival Kit I, II, and III.

Deacon Training

The nature of the various programs and ministries of our churches demands adequate, committed, trained leaders. As our churches have grown and as the ministries and programs of churches have grown and as the ministries and programs of churches have expanded, we have not kept pace in our effort to identify, enlist and train adequate leaders. No church can escape the fact that the effectiveness of its total ministry rests heavily with those who are in places of leadership. All too often church members are enlisted and pressed into leadership roles for which they are poorly equipped. Because of a lack of training, many soon resign out of discouragement and with no real sense of fulfillment. Where no training program exists, the cycle continues until it becomes extremely difficult to enlist leaders.

The need for leadership training is critical, not only because of the church's need for leaders, but also because of the needs of individuals. Churches must accept the challenge to help all their members to become, to achieve their full potential, to discover and develop their gifts to the fullest.

The "M" Night program was held at Boone Fork Baptist Church. There were 50 people in attendance.

An associational team went to Ridgecrest for the Church Training Mini-Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Craig

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. 1988

The ministry of applied Christianity needs committed Christians to "stand in the gap" for the cause of moral and civic righteousness.

GAMBLING— The greatest push ever for legalized gambling stands on the horizon. We have always had those who support a state-wide lottery and pari-mutual (horse and dog tracks) gambling. It is only in recent months that you have major candidates for state-wide office in N.C. that embrace such proposals.

We have seen neighboring states like Virginia (lottery), Tennessee (pari-mutual gambling), etc. to approve gambling initiatives due to the silence of the church.

In the 1987-88 session of the N.C. General Assembly, a lottery bill was defeated and a pari-mutual gambling proposal died in committee.

The pro-gambling industry has hired lobbyists already on the scene garnering support for the 1989 legislative session. The fate of this issue will be decided on November 8, 1988, when voters go to the polls and elect their legislative leaders along with other key officials. Responsible Christian citizenship implies more than just voting but to be an informed voter. Billy Sunday put it this way: "The only thing worse than an empty voting booth is an empty head in a voting booth."

The Christian Action League will continue to keep you informed and working on the scene. It is difficult to be effective, though, when you elect legislators who are not committed to moral and ethical principles.

DRUNK DRIVING— Efforts will also continue in the area of alcohol, drunk driving, and other drugs. In the last session, several pieces of legislation that would have liberalized our liquor laws were defeated. Other measures dealing with drunk driving were virtually ignored or “sandbagged” by political maneuvers.

We are grateful for the passage of legislation creating a 0.04 blood alcohol level for drivers of commercial vehicles (trucks and buses). This becomes the strictest in the nation. Other vehicles have a 0.10 standard.

Drunk driving proposals, such as banning open beer-wine containers and increasing administrative revocation from 10 to 30 days for those having a 0.10 blood alcohol level or more, passed the House but got by-passed in the Senate. Who opposes such? The beer industry and certain trial lawyers who are more concerned about protecting drunk drivers that endanger the safety of all citizens.

ABORTION— The issue of parental consent continues to be debated. The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the rights of states to require parental consent before an abortion is performed on a minor. Attempts to pass such legislation in N.C. have been met with legislative “foot-dragging.” Such bills get channeled into hostile committees where they die. A school teacher cannot even give a student an aspirin without parental consent, but a minor can be taken to an abortion clinic without the parent’s knowledge much less consent.

Furthermore, N.C. remains the only state in the Southeast to use state funds to kill unborn babies. Legislation has to limit state funding to those cases involving the life of a mother, incest, or rape.

TOPLESS DANCERS— There is one piece of legislation that got “derailed” that is unbelievable. Since liquor-by-the-drink has been enacted in N.C., we have some bars and taverns near military installation that have been employing minor girls (as young as 15) as topless dancers. Legislation to correct this practice “sailed” through the House but was thrown into the “briar patch” in the Senate’s Judiciary I Committee.

When legislation of this nature cannot pass our N.C. Senate, perhaps you can understand the dilemma facing our state. It is quite evident that we are electing legislators according to party label rather than on moral principles. Unless there is a turn-around, the future looks blight for moral and ethical issues.

The cause of applied Christianity calls for our vigilance and commitment.

The Christian Action League stands with you in meeting the challenges of our times. Accept our gratitude for your prayer and financial support as we join with you in being “salt and light.”

Joe S. Lennon, President
Coy C. Privette, Executive Director
Christian Action League of N.C., Inc.

(This report not presented at annual meeting)

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Scripture: Luke 14:15

“And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”

Are we not God's servants? If we are true followers of Christ, He is speaking to us. He is telling us to go out and witness for Him, sharing our Christian faith with others, telling others about our Lord and Savior, letting them know what He can do for them.

That is what Challenge 10/90 is all about, gather the people — that they may hear, learn and do.

Challenge 10/90 is an effort by Southern Baptist to reach a goal of having ten million person enrolled in Sunday School by September 30, 1990. Six national goals have been set, each one of our churches can be a part of that challenge:

1. Ten million persons enrolled in Sunday School.
2. Ten thousand churches with outreach Bible study.
3. One million workers and members prepared for evangelistic teaching, witnessing and ministry.
4. Eight thousand new Sunday Schools started.
5. Thirty thousand churches with weekly workers meetings.
6. Thirty thousand leadership diplomas.

We can help meet this challenge, by prayer, witnessing to others, giving our whole self to Christ in order for Him to work through us — by putting our trust in Christ, we can and must meet this challenge.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon S. Silver

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

I don't believe that we ladies are called to be preachers or deacons of our churches but I do believe that we have a great ministry in the Lord's work. As true Christians we should be committed to telling others about Jesus. We should start teaching our children about missions at an early age. We need to learn as much as we can about our mission work in order to enrich our own lives. Our work includes backing our pastors and leaders of our churches. We also hope that each of our pastors will back us in our work.

The Stony Fork Association WMU is made up of 5 churches, Boone Fork, Laytown, Long Ridge, Rock Spring and Sandy Flat. We received a certificate this year from our state WMU office.

Our leaders have been busy taking care of the needs in their churches as well as in their communities.

All of our WMU's took part in honoring the unsung heroes of our churches.

On May 13-14, 22 of us went to Richmond, VA for our big centennial meeting. This was the 100th birthday of the SBC WMU. We all enjoyed the trip very much. We had four of our men to go with us. We want to say thank you to the Stony Fork Association for helping with our trip.

We are still sending money to the Broyhill Children's Home.

Officers for the coming year:

Director:	Eunice Luttrell
Assistant:	Edwana Smith
Secretary Treasurer:	Barbara West

Assistant:	Norma Crowder
Acteen Director:	Mamie Craig
Assistant:	Carol Moody
GA Director:	Linda Church
Assistant:	Ruth Gragg
Mission Friends:	Mary Greene
Assistant:	Donna Triplett
BW Director:	Linda Mills
BYW Director:	Betty Woods
Mission Study:	Doris Tester
Assistant:	Sandra Church
Mission Action Director:	Rosetta Hollifield
Assistant:	Christine Woodie

ANNUAL MESSAGE

Scripture: Hebrews 2:1-9

Carter Moretz — One disturbing thing I've heard these past 2 days is that our baptisms have taken a nosedive. What is it in my life that is causing a decline in our number of baptisms, interest in church, interest in salvation? How many of us can say we see Jesus?

Let's get our minds off everything outside this building and seek Jesus' face. I believe there are 3 ways we can see Jesus: 1. He reveals himself to us in the examples he set for us. We see him doing things that he didn't have to do so that we could have an example to live by. The only thing that can fight the devil is the word. Jesus had love and compassion for everyone, not just those who loved him. 2. We can see Jesus in the price he paid for us. He suffered more pain than any mortal man. He was numbered with the sinners but never knew sin. He had already suffered before the cross in the upper room the night before when he said one of you will betray me. There is no hurt in the world worse than when your friends turn against you. Jesus went to Pilate's Hall all alone, they all fled. He suffered in the garden of Gethsemane when he prayed and agonized alone. 3. We see Jesus in his will for our lives. His #1 plan for our life is that you believe in Jesus Christ. He plans for you to take up your cross willfully daily and follow him even though you may have to give up earthly pleasures.

Do we see Jesus ready to come for us? This could be the last annual meeting we ever have together before He comes. This is his plan for us, he will prepare a place for you that where He is we may be also.

If you are not ready, get ready. Whatever we are going to accomplish we need to do it now.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 1988

We had four meetings for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

First, we met at Bailey Camp in September with 47 present representing all 8 churches. The Stewardship meeting was announced by Roy Gryder for 4-11-88.

Leon Silver, Sunday School Director gave out a letter concerning a training session for Sunday School leaders and asked for input.

M Night posters were given out by Charles Craig. M Night was held at Boone Fork on 10-4-87. Floyd Vines had the worship service.

Second meeting was on 11-8-88 with 61 present at Boone Fork representing 9 churches. A special offering for Lester Matheson was given by the churches in the association. It was approved to pay the Director of Mission's income taxes. The WMU trip to Richmond was announced. Everette Little brought the message.

The third meeting was at Doe Ridge on 3-13-88 with 32 present representing 7 churches. The VBS Clinic was announced for 4-24-88 at Sandy Flat. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled. Archie Clawson held the worship service.

The final meeting was at Long Ridge on 7-10-88. All 8 churches were represented by 44 members. Copies of the proposed budget for the coming year were given out. The Nominating Committee asked for names of people who would be willing to hold an office or give a report in the association next year. The worship service was held by Mace Johnson.

Attendance at the Executive Committee meetings has almost tripled over the previous year since we changed to night meetings and added the worship service.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Church, Moderator

RESOLUTIONS

Let it be resolved that Stony Fork Association expresses its appreciation to Doe Ridge and Laytown Churches for their hospitality and delicious food.

We also appreciate the Christian fellowship and excellent reports and speakers we have had.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Woods

OBITUARIES

BAILEY CAMP	None
BOONE FORK	Emma Hayes Colvart
DOE RIDGE	Mrs. Virginia Church, Mrs. Barbara Presnell
LAYTOWN	Mrs. Opah Sharpe, Mrs. Zora Dillard, Miss Sylvanie Dillard
LONG RIDGE	None
MT. EPHRIAM	None
ROCK SPRING	Mr. Billy Beeding
SANDY FLAT	Mr. Lloyd Coffey, Mr. Carl Hollars

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

Associational Report — 1988

There is an old saying, "When Baptists know, Baptists will do." There is also an old saying, "Tell the truth and trust the people." The *Biblical Recorder* believes and tries to practice both!

In a rapidly changing world, it is more important than ever before that Baptists be well informed which is not easy in an age that is complex, busy and competitive. But we must never forsake the ideal.

Baptists, like the population in general, are watching more television and listening to more radio than they are reading. Somehow, it just seems easier to watch and listen than read and think, but we must be informed and involved in the work of the Lord as Baptists do it . . . if we are to make progress.

For 155 years, the Baptist paper in North Carolina has issued a call to greater missions and greater commitment to the Commission of our Lord to win, teach and baptize persons.

As the Recorder informs, it also gives opportunity for Baptists to freely exchange points of view. Baptists do not have a hierarchical form of church government and operation. Every person is important and opinions are valid in direct proportion to the accuracy of information upon which they are based. Democracies do not survive without an informed people!

With all the upheaval in the world, the nation, and even in Baptist ranks, stability can be maintained only when good and sincere people know the truth and take their stand upon it.

To make it possible for as many people as possible to read the paper each week at the lowest possible cost, there will be no increase in subscription rates for 1988. If your church does not have the Every Family Plan, please consider it for 1989; the cost is only \$5.00 per subscription for the year. Special introductory offers are available. Please contact:

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God has given us a great opportunity and a great responsibility. Let us be informed about what is happening. Let us be involved in meeting the challenge, in being a part of the answer to take the Gospel to a lost world.

Respectfully submitted,
Associational Representative

(Report not read at annual meeting)

BUSINESS MEETING

Officers for the coming year were nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by those present.

Roy Gryder moved that "shall be called and voted on separately" be removed from the constitution and bylaws on page 12. Seconded and approved.

It was moved for the adoption of the budget for the coming year as presented. Seconded and approved.

Moved to adjourn the 127th session of the Stony Fork Baptist Associational annual meeting. Seconded and approved.

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephriam	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephriam	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephriam	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephriam	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson

1927 Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928 Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929 Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930 Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931 Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932 New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire
1933 Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935 Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936 Mt. Ephriam	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937 Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938 Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939 Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940 Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941 Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942 New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943 Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944 Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945 Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946 Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947 Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948 No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church,			
1949 Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950 Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951 New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952 Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953 East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954 Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Ouller
1955 Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956 Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957 Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958 Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959 New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960 Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961 Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962 Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963 Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964 Bailey's Camp	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
1965 Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1966 Laurel Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
1967 Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1968 Longridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
1969 Mt. Paran	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1970 Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
1971 New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1972 Rock Springs	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
1973 Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Rayner Matheson
1974 Baileys Camp	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lewis Hodge
1975 Boones Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Herring Crisp
1976 Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
1977 Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1978 Laytown	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Raymond Turbyfill
1979 Longridge	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1980 Mt. Ephriam	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Gurney Robbins
1981 Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	A. C. Moody
1982 Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Everette Watson
1983 New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1984 Rock Springs	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Merle Johnson
1985 Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Dale Milstead
1986 Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Dean Hodges
1987 Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Max West
1988 Boones Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1989 Doe Ridge			Lloyd Holman
1990 Laurel Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Hendrix
1991 Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Max West

1978 Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1979 Mount Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
1979 Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980 Mount Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1980 New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1981 Rock Spring	Max West	Barbara West	Cannon Ward
1981 Sandy Flat	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1982 Watauga	Max West	Barbara West	Jack White
1982 Bailey Camp	Max West	Barbara West	Cecil Gragg
1983 Boone Fork	Jack White	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1983 Doe Ridge	Jack White	Barbara West	J.R. Robbins
1984 Laurel Fork	Jack White	Linda Mills	Jack White
Laytown	Jack White	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1985 Long Ridge	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Mount Ephriam	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1986 Rock Spring	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Sandy Flat	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Max West
1987 Bailey Camp	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Greg Mathis
1987 Boone Fork	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Everett Little
1988 Doe Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Kenneth Ridings
1988 Laytown	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.

STONY FORK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Tables

Table A—Church Membership and Other Information

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		3	4	5	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	24	25	26
County	Year organized as a church	Location	Services held twice on Sunday?		Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home	Value of church property	Total church debt at end of this associational year
			Y	N											
			Medium City (10,000-49,000)	Large City (50,000 or more)											
Idwell	1938	1		X	4	0	0	54	22	76	0	0	0	70,000	0
auga	1872	1	X		1	0	0	32	0	32	0	0	0	60,000	0
auga	1894	1	X		0	0	3	49	22	71	0	0	0	65,000	0
ldwell	1939	1		X	9	0	3	32	39	71	0	0	0	45,000	0
ery	1945	1	X		0	0	2	43	17	60	0	0	0	60,000	8,500
auga	1876	1	X		1	2	2	37	125	163	0	0	0	85,000	0
lkes	1891	1	X		3	0	2	97	2	99	0	0	0	65,000	0
auga	1928	1	X		3	0	2	69	18	87	0	0	0		0
					21	2	14	413	245	588	0	0	0	450,000	8,500

Table B—Sunday School

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Table C—Church Training

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Table E—Woman's Missionary Union

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION				YEAR ENDING	July 31	1988	99	1	
Association				Stony Fork				(Month & Day)	
State				North Carolina					
Associational WMU Director				Eunice Luttrell					
Address		Rt. 1, box 650	City	Blowing Rock	State	N.C.	Zip	28605	
CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)							Mission Friends (5 years and under - not in school)	Girls in action
Boone Fork	Rosetta Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 597, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605							0	0
Laytown	Eduana Smith, Rt. 5, Box 327, Lenoir, N.C. 28645							0	0
Long Ridge	Norma Crowder, Rt. 2, Newland, N.C. 28657							0	0
Rock Spring	Linda Church, Rt. 1, Box 120, Purlear, N.C. 28665							1	1
Sandy Flat	Barbara West, Rt. Rt. 1, Box 539, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605							0	0
Totals							1	1	
TOTALS									
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS									

Table G—Total Receipts, Local Expenditures & Stewardship

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Table H—Mission Expenditures

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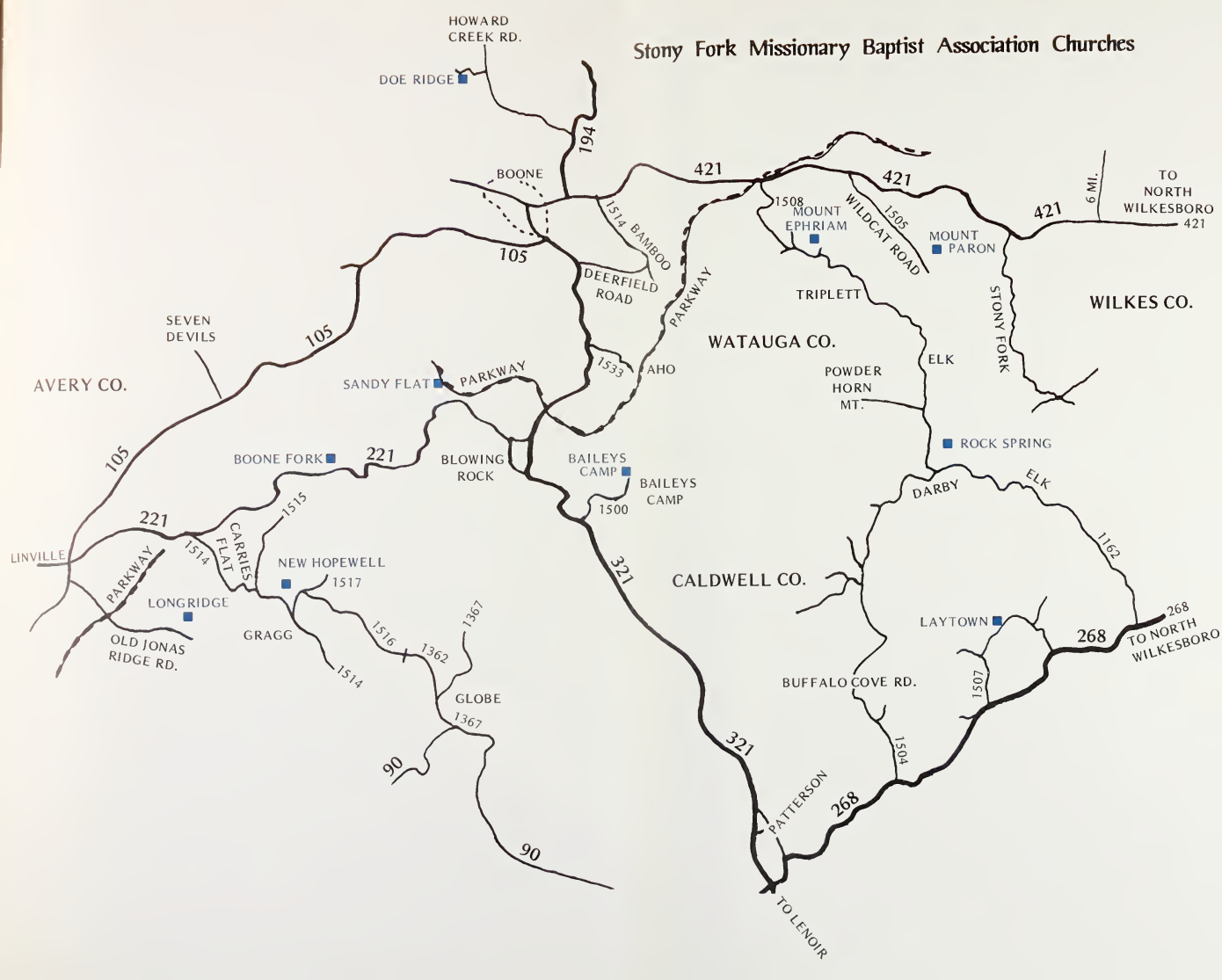
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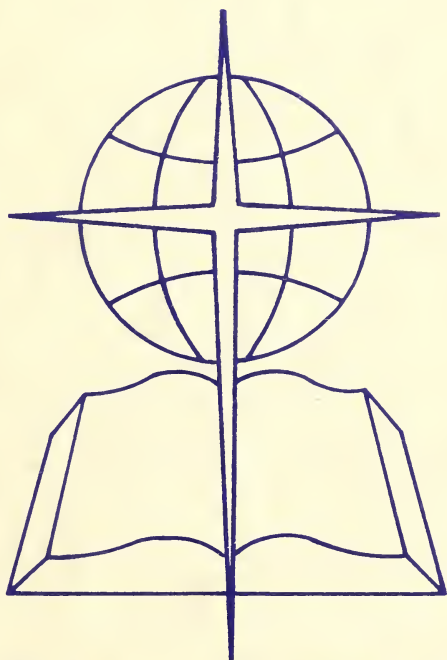
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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

1989

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With

Long Ridge, August 11, 1989

and with

Mt. Ephriam on August 12, 1989

The one hundred and twenty-ninth session will be held with Rock Spring on Friday, August 10, 1990 and at Sandy Flat on Saturday, August 11, 1990.

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1990 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 10, 1990
ROCK SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order	Moderator
9:05	Song	Congregation
9:10	Devotion	
9:15	Adoption of Program	Moderator
9:20	Roll Call	Clerk
9:25	Recognition of New Pastors & Workers	Moderator
9:30	Cooperative Program	Pauline Eldreth
9:45	Home Missions	Doris Tester
10:00	State Missions	Rosetta Hollifield
10:15	Evangelism	Archie Clawson
10:30	Biblical Recorder	Lloyd Buckner
10:45	Children's Homes	Edwana Smith
11:00	Retirement Homes	Mamie Craig
11:15	Baptist Hospital	Linda Church
11:30	Annual Message	
	Adjournment	
	Lunch	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:10	Song	Congregation
1:15	Devotion	
1:20	Christian Education	Edith Gryder
1:30	Baptist Foundation	Dale Luttrell
1:40	Finance Report - Budget	Treasurer
1:50	VBS	Barbara West
2:00	Foreign Missions	Scott Church
2:10	Sunday School	Sandra Church
2:15	Adjournment	

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 11, 1990
SANDY FLAT BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order	Moderator
9:05	Song	Congregation
9:10	Devotion	
9:15	Roll Call	Clerk
9:20	Temperance & Morals (CAL)	Charles Smith
9:40	Church Training	Charles Craig
9:30	Womans Missonary Union	Eunice Luttrell
9:45	Annual Message	

10:30	Executive	Report
10:45	Director of Missions Report	Burl Jones
11:00	General Board Report	
11:10	Resolutions	Betty Woods
11:15	Obituaries	Clerk
11:20	Election of Officers	
	Business	
	Lunch	

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Director of Assoc. Missions . .	Burl Jones, Rt. 1, Box 737, Boomer, NC 28606
	Telephone: 919-921-3312
Moderator	Carter Moretz, Rt. 5, Box 700, Boone, NC 28607
	Telephone: 704-297-3107
Vice Moderator	Archie Clawson, Rt. 5, Box 504, Boone, NC 28607
	Telephone: 704-264-8070
Associational Clerk . . .	Linda Mills, Rt. 1, Box 596, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
	Telephone: 704-295-7095
Associational Treasurer . . .	Eunice Luttrell, Rt. 1, Box 650, Blowing Rock, NC
	Telephone: 704-295-7732
Associational Sunday School Director	Sandra Church, Rt. 1, Box 339B, Ferguson, NC 28624
Associational Church Training Director	Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 730, Boone, NC 28607
Associational WMU Director	Eunice Luttrell, Rt. 1, Box 650, Blowing Rock, NC 28605, Telephone: 704-295-7732
Associational Evangelism Director	Archie Clawson, Rt. 5, Box 504, Boone, NC 28607, Telephone: 704-264-8070
Associational Stewardship Director	Roy Gryder, Rt. 2, Box 182, Blowing Rock, NC 28605, Telephone: 704-295-3410
Associational Nominating Committee Chm.	Max West, Rt. 1, Box 539, Blowing Rock, NC 28605, Telephone 704-264-2427

OFFICERS

Moderator	Carter Moretz
Vice Moderator	Archie Clawson
Director of Missions	Burl Jones
Clerk	Linda Mills
Treasurer	Eunice Luttrell
Sunday School Director	Sandra Church
Training Union	Charles Craig
WMU Director	Eunice Luttrell
Evangelism	Archie Clawson
Stewardship	Roy Gryder
Vacation Bible School	Barbara West
Cooperative Program	Pauline Eldreth

Home Missions	Doris Tester
Children's Homes	Edwana Smith
Baptist Hospital	Linda Church
Retirement Homes	Mamie Craig
Christian Education	Edith Gryder
Baptist Foundation	Dale Luttrell
State Missions	Rosetta Hollifield
Foreign Missions	Scott Church
Temperance and Morals	Charles Smith
Brotherhood	Dennis Oakes
Piano Player	Sandra Church
Song Leader	Charles Smith
Biblical Recorder Report	Lloyd Buckner
Obituaries	Clerk
Resolutions	Betty Woods

Program Committee	Carter Moretz, Scott Church, Eunice Luttrell, Linda Mills
Finance Committee . . .	Eunice Luttrell, Dale Luttrell, Linda Mills, Roy Gryder, Carter Moretz
Missions Committee	Chairman Archie Clawson, Director of Missions and Pastors of each church
Nominating Committee	Max West, Chairman, Pastors of each church
Constitution and By-Laws Committee	Roy Gryder, Charles Craig, Archie Clawson, Don Harrison
Executive Committee	Associational Officers along with the pastors, chairman of the deacons and 2 elected laypersons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum.

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Bailey Camp:	Roy Gryder, Edith Gryder
Boone Fork:	Rosetta Hollifield, Lloyd Buckner, Don Harrison
Doe Ridge:	Archie Clawson, Irene Clawson, Wanda Winkler, Junior Eldreth, Pauline Eldreth
Laytown:	Sandra Church, Nadine Holt, Raytee Greene, Charles Smith, Edwana Smith, Jerry Triplett, Allison Smith
Long Ridge:	Ronald Woodie, Norman Woodie, Roy Woodie, David Anthony
Mt. Ephraim:	Buster Henderson
Rock Spring:	Carroll Woods, Betty Woods, Bea Whitson, Opal Cox, Linda Church, Jill Whitman
Sandy Flat:	Max West, Barbara West, Charles Craig, Mamie Craig, Richard Greene

CONSTITUTION

OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (PROPOSED)

PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE I—Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Section 2. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches.

Section 3. Any Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitution of the Churches Committee and the majority vote of members present at any meeting as prescribed in Article IX.

Section 4. Any Church at her discretion, may withdraw from this body.

Section 5. This Association may at any meeting, after an investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

Section 6. Each church shall elect its messengers to the Annual Associational meeting. Each messenger must be certified in the annual church letter to the Association and must be appointed on the following ratio: Five messengers, in addition to the pastor, for each church having a membership not exceeding fifty, and one additional messenger for each increase of fifty. In no case shall the total number of messengers exceed ten for any given church, in addition to the pastor.

Section 7. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two consecutive years, the missions committee shall confer with church, and if satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the next Executive Committee Meeting, the Association shall at that time by a majority of present members shall vote to withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

Section 8. The Annual Associational meeting shall convene on Friday at 9:00 a.m., Recess from 12:00 noon to 1:10 p.m. for the noon meal and adjourn on or before 4:00 p.m. It shall reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and adjourn at the completion of business for the noon meal. This following the first Sunday in August.

ARTICLE II—Purpose

Section 1. The prime purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's kingdom and to promote unity and growth among the churches composing it.

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of this Association to enlist all of the churches into full cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of missions, evangelism, christian education and social service.

ARTICLE III—Powers and Perogatives

Section 1. The Association, when convened in meeting, shall sit as an advisory council and shall have no power to infringe on any of the internal rights or affairs of the member churches. It may advise however, with the member churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption or rejection.

Section 2. When grievances occur between any member of minority group of any church which is a member of the Association, the Association, the Executive Committee, or Missions Committee, or the committee designated by and acting for either of these bodies, may advise or give aid in matters which do not infringe on the rights of the local church, and this only on the invitation of the individual or group involved.

Section 3. Any church found unfaithful to the faith and practices common to the Association, as outlined in Addendum I—ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963) shall be encouraged to correct such errors, if the conduct of said church is not corrected and is of such nature as to alienate said church from the orderly and faithful churches of the Association, the Executive Committee of the Association can recommend that fellowship be withdrawn from said church, and upon a majority vote of the messengers in an Annual session, fellowship with such church can be withdrawn. (See Article I, Section 7)

ARTICLE IV—The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Association shall have an Executive Committee to serve as the Association between Annual Meetings, assisting in the overall work of the Association with such limitations as may be imposed by the constitution.

Section 2. The Executive committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the Pastors, and the Chairman of Deacons along with two elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum. The names of these persons shall be furnished annually to the Associational Clerk, if changes occur during the Associational year, these changes shall be forwarded to the Clerk.

Section 3. At the beginning of each Executive Committee Meeting, a roll call will be taken of each church and its representatives.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet within two weeks after the Annual Associational Meeting, the second Sunday of November, March, and July. These meetings shall be held in churches of the Association, consecutively, in Alphabetical order.

ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, W.M.U. Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Music Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Youth Coordinator.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected at each regular Annual Associational Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall fill vacancies that may occur in their respective categories between annual meetings of the association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Section 3. By the virtue of the office, the Associational Director of Missions is considered an ex-officio member of all Associational Committees. For all qualifications and terms of office see Article VII, Section 1.

ARTICLE VI—Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association to preside over the Annual Sessions, special sessions, and at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall provide leadership for a progressive ideal throughout the association. He shall be elected for a one year term, and he shall not succeed himself for a maximum of two full terms. He shall appoint in advance any other committees he may deem necessary or advisable. Each of these committees shall report at the Annual Meeting for which they are appointed. It shall be the responsibility of the Moderator to call any needed meetings at any time he deems necessary. The Moderator is considered an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence or at his request.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in regular and special sessions; to keep accurate records of quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee; to keep on file the printed minutes and other important documents belonging to the Association; to furnish the churches with the blank letter forms on which to make the annual reports to the association; to superintend the printing of the minutes, and to distribute them to the churches as soon after adjournment as possible. For this service the clerk shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the association and to disburse the same in accordance with the budget of the association or for the purposes for which the funds were contributed. To render to the association an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements at the first session of the annual meeting. In the treasurer's absence a member of the Finance Committee shall give the report. The Treasurer shall make available through the associational newsletter a quarterly report including the contributions of each church in the association. A quarterly report shall be made available at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. For this service, the treasurer shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 5. The Sunday School Director shall take the initiative in promoting inspirational meetings, study courses, and leadership classes for the churches of the association. He shall work in cooperation with the denominational Sunday School Agencies in promoting the denominational programs; and he will be responsible for coordinating and promoting Vacation Bible School work in conjunction with the Vacation Bible Director. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 6. The Church Training Director shall take the initiative in promoting the regular meetings projected by the State Convention and be available to the churches for help in strengthening the established unions and encourage the organization of new unions in churches without them. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 7. The Brotherhood Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary education within our association and be available to the churches to assist in strengthening organizations and programs of existing units. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 8. The WMU Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary

education within our association and she shall be available to the churches to assist in promoting and establishing new Baptist Women and Baptist Women Auxiliary units, and shall assist in strengthening the organizations and programs of existing units. She shall also work with the Nomination Committee in enlisting leadership for her organization.

Section 9. The Vacation Bible Director shall work in conjunction with the Associational Sunday School Director in enlisting and training workers, planning and organizing for the annual Vacation Bible School Clinic.

Section 10. The Music Director shall take the initiative in promoting the meetings and activities suggested by the state music leadership and be available to the churches to help in strengthening their music programs. The music director will also be responsible for the music at the Associational and Executive Committee Meetings. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 11. The Pianist will be responsible for playing the piano at all Associational and Executive Committee meetings.

Section 12. The Evangelism Chairman will work with the Evangelism programs in planning, promoting, and coordinating all Evangelistic activities for the association in conjunction with the Director of Missions.

ARTICLE VII—Director of Missions

Statement of Purpose and Position Title:

The office or position will be known as the Director of Missions for the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association. The Director of Missions shall provide responsible leadership in the work of the association through performing such basic functions as the planning, correlation, and implementation of programs, program services, and ministries of the association; counsel the churches; agencies of needs, problems, and potentialities within the association; and interpret to the churches the program resources and other assistance available from the Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Section 1. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Planning and Coordination

1. Lead the association in strategy planning; establishing and maintaining a long-range program. Lead the association to set goals and encourage the churches to work toward them.

2. Coordinate the associational work and meetings by serving as ex-officio member of all committees.

3. Work with program officers and the Nominating Committee in selecting and enlisting leaders for organizations and committees of the association.

4. Counsel, encourage, and lead in training the associational officers.

B. Education and Promotion

1. Seek to assist the pastors and the churches in programs suitable for their growth and development, recognizing the differences in size and diversity of membership, utilizing persuasion to promote fellowship and cooperation.

2. Seek out in cooperation with the Missions Committee places of missions need and seek to enlist an appropriate church to meet these needs. In the event no church(es) can be enlisted, upon the instruction of the Missions Committee, the Director of Missions may lead in such a program in the name of the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

3. Promote church organizational programs: Sunday School, Church Training,

Church Music, Brotherhood, WMU, and Vacation Bible School and Leadership Training.

4. Promote church assistance programs: Evangelism, Stewardship, and Family Life.

5. Plan for and promote simultaneous efforts, such as: World Missions Conferences, revival crusades, enlargement campaigns, training schools, etc.

6. Prepare in cooperation with the Missions Committee an annual associational calendar. Prepare a monthly associational newsletter for distribution in the association.

7. Attend denominational meetings and conferences as budget and time considerations permit.

8. Report to the executive boards at its regular meetings and to the association in annual session.

C. Service Ministry

1. Provide counsel and help as requested by pastors and churches.

2. Serve as pulpit supply, assist in church surveys, and conduct studies and revivals as requested in keeping with terms of employment. Pulpit supply for a period of 4 weeks.

3. Manage the associational office, supervise associational employees, and maintain equipment of the association.

4. Cooperate with the Finance Committee in planning the budget and promoting giving to the association.

5. Establish and announce office hours to best utilize the division of time between the associational office and field responsibilities.

6. Always working through the pastor, the Director of Missions will be available to offer aid to churches in need of assistance. No program will be conducted for a church without the invitation of the pastor and/or church. In the event the church is without a pastor, the Director of Missions will respond to requests from the church leadership.

Section 2. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

A. Term of Office—The Director of Missions shall be called for an indefinite term of service.

B. Remuneration—Remuneration will be recommended by the Missions and Finance Committees and approved by the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

C. Honorariums—Honorariums received for pulpit supply, weddings, funerals, revivals, and pastoral service, not directly related to his normal responsibilities, shall be considered personal remuneration.

D. Work Schedule—Work schedules will vary, with weekends normally being kept for services in churches in the association.

E. Work Accountability—The Missions Committee pledges itself to a ministry of loyalty, support, and loving encouragement of the Director of Missions, so that under the leadership of the Spirit of God, he may render the most effective service possible.

F. Both parties must give a thirty day notice before termination.

Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Spiritual—A committed Christian with a sense of definite call to mission service.

B. Educational—Preferably college and seminary degrees, or their equivalent.

C. Special Knowledge and Skills—Knowledge of Baptist denominational life and a willingness to continue to learn; vision, flexibility, and demonstrated leadership ability in planning, conducting, and evaluating the work of the association.

D. Character—Christian integrity.

E. Experience—Pastoral ministry, Christian education or associational and other mission experience are necessary. Preferably the associational experience should be as a director of missions, associational staff member or as an active and responsible officer in an association. The mission experience may be in the establishment of and involvement in mission outreach and ministry in a mission, church or association.

ARTICLE VIII—Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. The committee of time, place and preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of the committee to recommend to the association, the churches where the next session will be held, preferably to be taken in alphabetical order, and also the preacher for the annual session. In order to alleviate any hardship on any one church hosting as associational meeting, it is suggested that two churches may jointly host each meeting. Expenses, meeting places, and other arrangements will be coordinated by the churches selected.

Section 2. The committee on Resolutions shall be composed of two members. It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or as directed by the messengers of the association.

Section 3. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the association. When adopted, the program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by the vote of the body.

Section 4. The committee of Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare for the association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices and reports: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Brotherhood Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Associational State Representatives, also persons for the following reports shall also be selected; Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Stewardship, Cooperative Program, Obituaries, Temperance and Morals, V.B.S. Report, W.M.U. Report, Sunday School Report, and any others designated by the association. Representatives for the following shall be selected: N.C. Baptist Hospital, N.C. Childrens Home, Baptist Home for the Aging, Denominational Colleges (Christian Education), Denominational Literature (Religious Literature), Annuity Board, Baptist Foundation, and any others designated by the association. The committee on Nominations shall be responsible for selection and contacting each of these persons for their approval before the annual meeting. The floor shall be open for nominations for these offices on the day of the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be taken first, then the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall give nomination of committee. All nominees must be contacted beforehand and permission given for acceptance of nomination. The W.M.U. will elect their officers.

Section 5. The Finance Committee shall be composed of five members, one of which will include the Treasurer of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and recommend a budget for the association and to suggest ways and means whereby the budget can be raised by the local churches and to secure the cooperation of the churches in raising the budget. The Finance committee will present the proposed budget on the first day of the annual associational meeting with discussion and adoption scheduled for the second day. The Finance Committee shall meet prior to the quarterly Executive Committee Meeting and shall

prepare on a regular form acceptable to the association, a detailed financial report which will be given to each member present at the quarterly meetings and the annual associational meeting.

Section 6. The Missions Committee shall be composed of five members and this committee shall report to and cooperate with the Executive Committee of the association. The duties of this committee are: (a) to coordinate and help promote through the organizations and committees all phases and activities of the associational programs, (b) to cooperate with the local churches in making surveys of areas which in the opinion of the Missions Committee are being adequately served by the local missionary Baptist work, and to promote and develop those new phases of the Missions programs, (c) to serve in advisory capacity to the Director of Missions in all matters pertaining to his work and to serve with him in directing and promoting the missions programs of the association, (d) to provide information and assistance to the departments of State Missions of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in meeting local missionary needs, such as Missionary pastor's assistance, promoting mission's causes, etc., (e) the Missions Committee shall meet prior to the Executive Committee of the Association or at any time necessary to discharge its duties, (f) this committee shall have the following responsibilities relating to the office of Director of Missions:

1. Serve as a search committee for a Director of Missions.
2. Recommend to the Executive Committee the name of the nominee.
3. Coordinate financial matters with the Baptist State Convention.
4. Serve as a liaison between the churches and the Director of Missions.

Section 7. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be composed of the Missions Committee and one selected layperson of the association making six members. It shall be the duty of this committee to review and update the Constitution and By-Laws as it becomes necessary. This committee will recommend revisions and amendments concerning the constitution and By-laws to the association as deemed necessary. They shall meet at least once a year before the annual meeting to review and discuss the constitution.

Section 8. The committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the churches

ARTICLE IX—Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches

The Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches shall be made up of the Missions Committee members.

Section 1. Any group of baptized believers in Christ desiring to organize themselves into a missionary Baptist church with the purpose of seeking the recognition of and fellowship and cooperate with this association, shall be required to fulfill the following requirements. They shall submit their request for admission to the Director of Missions or the Moderator of the Association, who will in turn forward it to the Committee of Petitionary Letters. In addition to the letter of request, a church must also furnish a report of work accomplished since its organization, a copy of the church covenant, and its articles of faith.

Section 2. Any church seeking admission into the fellowship of the Association must be under the watchcare of the Association for a period of one year before it can be admitted. During this interim period, the church shall be expected to have part in the support of the causes fostered by the association, The North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 3. The findings of the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall be reported at the annual associational meeting or at the Executive Committee meeting with a recommendation either for or against admission.

Section 4. If the church is accepted under the watchcare of the association, the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall recommend at the end of the year that the church be accepted into full fellowship provided that examination of that years work done and a study of the cooperative spirit of that church proves to be in accordance to the principles of the churches of the association. A two-thirds majority vote of the Messengers or Executive Committee members present shall be needed for such an action to be completed. There will be an appropriate program conducted during the annual meeting to formally welcome this new church into the association.

Section 5. For a sister cooperative Missionary Baptist church that is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, that wishes to join or transfer status, the same procedure is needful with the exception of the one year of associational watchcare. Upon receipt of letter of request, the Committee of Petitions shall recommend its findings to the Executive Committee, and after a thirty day period of investigation the discretion of the Executive Committee shall be used if immediate acceptance of fellowship is possible. If accepted, a program of welcoming shall be presented at the annual associational meeting.

ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution or any part of the constitution shall be amended at the annual associational meeting in August, with the acceptance by two-thirds majority vote. It is suggested that all changes and recommendations of amendments be submitted two months prior to annual meeting in August, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their careful consideration; however, any messenger has the right to submit proposed changes in accordance with this article.

By-Laws

1. All associational meetings shall be opened and closed in prayer.
2. "Roberts Rules of Order," shall be used as a guideline for parliamentary procedure in all associational meetings. The Moderator will be responsible for having a copy of same at all meetings and a copy of parliamentary procedure and the gavel of the association shall be transferred upon succession of the moderator.
3. All associational officers shall exercise authority over their departments and shall give a financial accounting to the Finance Committee for monies expended.
4. Election and installation of officers shall take place on the last day of the annual associational meeting in August, and these officers shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and providing leadership for the coming year in the association.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Time, Place and Preacher Committee will be amended to the hosting church pastor or a preacher of his choice will be the preacher for the associational meetings. Committee membership will be filled according to the number of people participating in associational work.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article VIII-Committees and their duties, Section 4. Amended to: recommendations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented first, then nominations will be taken from the floor.

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Stony Fork Association was called to order by Scott Church, Moderator. The congregation sang "What a Day That Will Be", led by Charles Smith.

The program was adopted with revisions to be made as necessary for the convenience of the speakers and/or presenters.

All 8 active churches were represented with a total of 33 members in attendance. Seven churches were represented on the second day with 41 members and 1 visitor present.

The new pastor in the association was recognized, Raytee Greene of Laytown.

The following reports were presented, moved for adoption and approved on the first day of the meeting.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Cooperation has been our reason to exist as a denomination for almost 160 years.

During this time we have never fully agreed on how to carry out our work, but we have agreed to cooperate together.

Cooperation is what has held us together as Southern Baptists. Without cooperation we have nothing, but with it we can do almost anything for the glory of God and His Kingdom.

In 1988 the churches in the Stony Fork Association gave \$5,725.68 to the Cooperative Program. Out of our 12 churches, 7 gave.

This year from January 1 through June 10, 1989, the churches have given \$3,511.91 through our association. Although our churches may be small and few in number we as Southern Baptists can continue to give through the Cooperative Program to see that the work of our Lord required of us is done.

Cooperation is the key word in our work as an association. Our task of reaching a lost world for Jesus depends on the faithfulness of our people to press toward our goal.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Eldreth

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N.C.
ROY J. SMITH, GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER
DIVISION OF STEWARDSHIP
O. D. MARTIN, JR., DIRECTOR

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS AND SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Gifts through the cooperative program actually received by business office of the Baptist State Convention for the period listed below.

Check this with your church records and please report any difference to O. D. Martin, Jr., P. O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

Special offerings from the churches for Baptist causes shown as designated.

CHURCHES NAME	January 1 through Sept. 30, 1989 Cooperative Program			Designated	
	Current Quarter	Total to Date Above	To Date Last Year	Current Quarter	To Date Above
Stony Fork					
Baileys Camp	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Boone Fork	69.50	69.50	285.00	.00	323.75
Doe Ridge	100.19	293.83	298.96	.00	.00
Laytown	72.87	72.87	50.00	.00	1,008.25
Long Ridge	465.00	889.65	596.00	.00	1,008.25
Mount Ephriam	267.00	751.00	813.00	.00	.00
Mount Paron	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Mount View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Hopewell	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Rock Springs	623.81	2,980.60	2,386.29	112.22	2,443.78
Rock View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Sandy Flat	49.96	102.79	252.01	.00	2,188.24
Other Than Church	.00	.00	.00	.00	50.00
TOTAL	1,648.33		4,581.26		6,014.02
		5,160.24		112.22	

HOME MISSIONS REPORT 1989

The Home Mission Board is most effective as a mission agency when we can work through the churches. Our very best work is helping to establish and strengthen churches to do this work.

The least effective thing the Home Mission Board can do is to try to do the work of the churches ourselves. Our job is to lead the nation to Christ by sowing it down with Bible-preaching churches.

These are our goals: 1. 50,000 churches and church type missions by A.D. 2,000. This means starting twice as many, at least 1,500 annually, as we are now starting. This is risky, but if we wait until all the conditions are just right, we will never start a new church. 2. 1,000 church planters. We need to add to add 100 per year for the next 5 years. 3. Last year Southern Baptists appointed the largest number of home missionaries and endorsed the most chaplains in their 144 year history. 4. A record 733 new missionaries were approved, pushing the total to 3,827 missionaries serving across the U.S. and assigned territories. In addition, 568 new chaplains, an increase of 67 over 1987, and 49,781 volunteers an increase of 7,112 over 1987 were approved. 5. One million baptism. Evangelism must become more than a denominational program. It must become an overpowering obsession.

The Home Mission Board needs the support of all the churches in our convention and associations to carry out this work and reach these goals. The HMB and you have the most exciting challenge facing all Southern Baptists. Will you join in our prayer and giving that this work can and will be done?

The Annie Armstrong offering and Cooperative Program receipts were lower than expected. For 6 years our annual Easter offering has fallen so we failed to reach our goal. We now are operating on a reduced budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Tester

Rev. E. O. Bustle spoke to the Cooperative Program and Home Missions reports. The CP is the foundation for all missions and they are better promoted through it. Without it the Gospel cannot be preached as it should be. Bring in your tithes into the storehouse to further the Gospel. We hold back the blessings of others when we don't obey God. If we want the blessings of God we must do what he says and he will do what he said he would do. A church can't prosper unless it obeys God. A church tithing to the CP will have more Baptisms.

EVANGELISM

This is an age of excitement, rebellion against constitutional authority appears to be the order of the day. Lawlessness on the part of man doubtless reveals his bewilderment and despair. He is forever searching for the answer which almost constantly eludes him. Does the church have the answer?

We can say that the church has the answer in the gospel of Jesus Christ and His crucifixion given in the power of the Holy Spirit from the pulpit and set forth in the actions and activities of her members. God's answer to man's needs has been and will always be the purifying power experienced in a spiritual awakening in the hearts of His people. God is able and eager to save to the uttermost. Each church should have at least one revival a year.

Evangelism is the life blood of our Baptist work and for the purpose of reaching the lost man, woman, boy or girl. If we are not winning them we are a dead church. We need to grow in evangelism. How well have we worked at the job in the past year?

Respectfully submitted,
Archie Clawson

Rev. Clawson spoke to this report. You don't have to go to church unless you want or unless the Holy Spirit draws you. Evangelism is the responsibility of the church. Are we doing it? Our church members are doing just what they want to do and come to church only when they want to. We've lost our church discipline. No wonder we don't win souls. We have to show new converts what we are and who we are. The church started going down when prayer was taken out of the schools and the 10 commandments were taken off the walls of our churches. Rev. 21:8 tells us the fate of the unsaved. 2 Timothy 4:1-3 tells us the responsibility of the saved. We need to get down to the basics of God's word and preach and teach it like it is.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Matthew 28:19-20 tells us that we are to preach, teach and tell everyone about Jesus. I believe that is part of our mission programs of the WMU.

I am very proud of our associational WMU. This past year we did a lot for missions. All of the five church WMU's gave both to home and foreign missions.

We put together a cook book and sold over 800 copies. With this money we sent our Director of Missions to Brazil. We still had money left over to help with the finances of a prayer retreat planned next month. We thank God for answering prayers.

We took a full team to Fruitland for a leadership conference.

We continue to send money to Broyhill Children's Home to help support a child.

Our churches with WMU organizations are Boone Fork, Laytown, Long Ridge, Rock Spring and Sandy Flat.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Luttrell

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA INC.

Like salmon, Baptist Children's Homes this year struggled upstream to get ahead of the problems that plague America's children and families.

While maintaining group care services in place since 1885, BCH also inaugurated two innovative services in Care House, the first home for teen-age mothers and their babies we know of anywhere and the Philpott Parent Aide Program.

Care House, where five teen-age mothers will learn to parent their babies was dedicated June 4 during services at Lenoir's Lower Creek Baptist Church. Also dedicated then was the Marguerite Noel Home for Girls, our second behavior change home.

Until Care House, a young girl who had a child often could not return home. If she wanted to bear her child and keep it, the child had to go to one foster care home and the young mother to another until she was of age.

The Noel Home, like Moody Home in Franklin, cares for girls whose difficult behavior prohibits them from living at home or in traditional group care settings.

On June 21 BCH dedicated the Philpott Parent Aide Program in Davidson County. Trained volunteers will establish relationships with homes labeled "at risk" for child abuse. The volunteer will be counselor and friend, critic and confidant to help families spot and correct areas that lead to child abuse or neglect.

With renewed emphasis on church communication, BCH named two men to act as directors of church relations and planned giving. Charles Tanner and Bill Morrow will arrange BCH speakers for your church and help your members with estate planning.

BCH continues to implement "intentionalized services" according to the long-range plan it adopted in April 1988. Peer culture therapy is being utilized on children at Odum Home and Noel Home and is being phased in at Mills Home. This program makes the children more responsible, both for themselves and others in their cottage.

BCH continues to garner popular support with North Carolina Baptists who contributed \$1.52 million through the Cooperative Program last year. In the 1988-89 fiscal year, more than \$1 million has been received in bequests.

The executive committee of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina this year declined to adopt a report of a special study committee that would have drastically reduced BCH's share of the Cooperative Program. The committee recommended, and the General Board supported, a return of individual special offerings to Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Retirement Homes and Baptist Hospital. All three social services agencies support such a move, which would eliminate the Homes and Hospital Offering they share. The state convention will vote on the proposal in November.

BCH, which began as an orphanage in Thomasville in 1885, operates four group care campuses, eight emergency care homes, a home for unwed motheres, a teen mother/baby home, two behavior change homes for girls, therapeutic camping and a model child development center. It has work in 17 locations across the state, serving more than 1,000 children and families each year.

All campuses and facilities welcome involvement by local churches, RAs, GAs, WMUs and Sunday school departments. Baptist support is strong for children and families and we pray it will continue to strengthen as needs grow every day.

Michael C. Blackwell
President

Bill Morrow spoke to the Children's Home Report

The children's homes minister to children and families. We are no longer an orphanage. In most cases, both parents are alive but unable to care for their children. It is hard for most of us to understand this — how you could neglect your own child or not provide for them.

The Children's Homes began in Thomasville in 1885. In 1914, began at Kennedy Home — a large working farm. Later on Broyhill Home became a part in Western N.C., near Clyde, a beautiful campus. Odum Home in Pembroke began primarily for Indian children and was taken over by BCH in the 1950's — for all children.

Emergency Homes — for children who do not have a place to sleep tonight — are out on the streets — an immediate need. There is one on each campus. A stay is limited to 60 days which gives us an opportunity to work with the family to find the best care for the child. Sometimes the child can go back home or may be placed on the campus nearest his/her home. An average stay is 18 months.

Therapeutic Camping Program — for boys 11-15 in Vass, N.C. who cannot stay in school where they work with counselors on a 24 hour basis. They go on long camping, fishing or hiking trips maybe for 14 days and must write a report on their trip. This program is recognized by Moore Co. as school. It lasts approx. 12 months then they are tested by a psychiatrist to determine regular school placement. They learn to talk out problems rather than act them out.

There is a similar program for girls in Moody Home, Macon Co. but they live in a cottage and go to regular school.

There are two behavioral change programs in Caldwell Co., along with a care house for teenage mothers and their babies where the mothers are taught how to care for their babies. A stay is limited to 12 months here.

Scripture Mark 10:13-16

REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1989

The past year at Baptist Hospital has been characterized by growth in facilities and personnel, advancement in medical technology and continuation of the spirit of personal concern which springs from the hospital's Christian heritage and its denominational tie.

Occupation of the new North Tower is almost complete, increasing the hospital's bed capacity to 806. Construction of the Clinical Sciences Building is expected to be completed by 1990. The Medical Center Boulevard is currently be-

ing moved to make ready for expansion of the Patient/Visitor Parking Deck. Two new helicopter pads, one for the AirCare helicopter and a second for helicopters from other medical centers, will be located on top of the parking deck. The J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging will be built on the approximate site of the current helicopter pad. These new facilities will make it possible not only for our hospital to serve more people but to serve them better.

In recent months the hospital's Level One Trauma Center has seen further development of its critical care transportation system by adding to the helicopter ambulance service its own neonatal ambulance for critically ill infants. The CommView Computer System, developed jointly by the Department of Radiology and AT&T, digitizes images, stores large volumes of data and transmits the images via fiberoptic cable throughout the Medical Center and via satellite to other hospitals without any x-ray film. Some brain tumors can now be successfully treated by implanting a tiny radioactive pellet directly into the tumor. Other types of cancer can be treated by typerthermia which carefully focuses microwaves to raise temperatures inside a tumor to 102 degrees to 105 degrees Fahrenheit to kill or injure cancer cells. A technique called Mohs Micrographic Surgery allows the removal of skin cancer with minimal damage to normal skin.

These and other advances in patient care attract patients from across the country and around the world. Last year the 22,100 persons admitted to Baptist Hospital came from almost every county in North Carolina, from thirty-five states, and from eight foreign countries.

The Department of Pastoral Care continues its ministries to: the patient in the hospital; the family and friends of patients; the medical staff who minister to the patient; the person requesting counseling in our centers in Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Morganton, Charlotte, Rockingham, North Wilkesboro; the ministers who seek our courses in clinical instruction, equipping them for specialized and pastoral ministries.

Added to these are our "Pastors' Sabbath" and "Interim Church" programs, as we work closely with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in addressing the needs of pastors and churches.

We renew our commitment to the faithful delivery of pastoral care, beginning in our Medical Center and reaching around the world.

Baptist Hospital continues to feel the effect of the health care personnel shortage, especially as it attempts to open new facilities. However, we do not have any beds closed due to shortages. The Code Blue Program in high schools of northwestern North Carolina and the appeal to Baptist youth through Acteens is also creating interest in health care careers.

During the past fiscal year Baptist Hospital received \$668,937.39 through the Cooperative Program and \$303,133.07 through the Homes nad Hospital Offering, including church gifts directly to the hospital. The hospital Staff and patients are grateful for the services made possible by these gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Church

Calvin Knight spoke to the Baptist Hospital report.

We are entering a new era for Baptist Hospital. We have a lot of new buildings underway. The new patient tower is almost completed. Our bed capacity will be

806 when the tower is completed. One floor in another building will be used for the care of children.

A new service in pastoral care — chaplains are going through the pastoral care school to be able to minister to the spiritual needs of patients while others minister to their physical needs.

ANNUAL MESSAGE

Alex Booth from Fruitland brought the annual message.

Enrollment has been dropping for the past few years at Fruitland and this is a concern of the Board of Directors. Finances are in better shape than ever before — \$700,000 in endowment. The Lord has blessed us financially and with the facilities and the faculty, which is top-notch and could not be put together by humans. Pray that the Lord will work in the minds and hearts of the board of directors as they recommend a new president for Fruitland. Also pray we will be true to God's word.

Scripture Luke 15:1-32

The lost sheep, lost coin and lost son. When reading the prodigal son we quit before we get to the point. When the older son blasted his father over his brother is the point of the parable. Jesus was concerned about the "the least of these". Baptist are exhibiting too many of the characteristics of the Pharisees. We think we are the elite — this may be because of the wealth we enjoy.

The one lost sheep — the shepherd is concerned about the one gone astray. The one who goes astray is often the bull-headed and cantankerous and we often think let them go. Sheep need a shepherd. Every member of a church is a shepherd and should be concerned about the straying sheep.

What is our attitude about straying sheep? Do we think it is easier to get a new one rather than clean up an old one? Our attitude is determined by what is in our hearts.

BENEDICTION

ADJOURN FOR LUNCH

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST COLLEGE REPORT — 1989

CAMPBELL
1887

CHOWAN
1848

GARDNER-WEBB
1905

MARS HILL
1856

MEREDITH
1891

WAKE FOREST
1834

WINGATE
1895

Baptist and their colleges have been doing Christian education together for a long, long time. Look at those dates listed with each college above. When they are totaled, the cumulative number of service years for our seven colleges is 807! North Carolina Baptists have grown up with their colleges, so much so that it is difficult to imagine our total mission program without them. During the 1988-89 school year there were 18,534 students and 2,249 faculty and staff engaged in the programs of Baptist colleges.

If you should ask our college leaders what is uppermost on their minds these days, you would get an answer such as this: "Christian education, Baptist students and Cooperative Program support." A sentence or two about each of these will complete this report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. There are large and important differences that belong to Baptist colleges. They are smaller, friendlier campuses where Christian community is present and encouraged and where education and the Christian faith are compatible.

BAPTIST STUDENTS. Young people from our churches are encouraged to apply to Baptist colleges. Pastors and parents can help students with their life plans when they guide them toward Baptist schools. Generous student aid and work study programs make it possible for any qualified student to attend a Baptist college.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. Your North Carolina Baptist colleges say "Thank you" for the generous dollar support through the Cooperative Program. Baptist dollars buy quality Christian education and make healthy institutions possible.

For information write or call:

Council on Christian Higher Education

P. O. Box 1107

Cary, North Carolina 27512-1107

(919)467-5100

1-800-222-8478

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Gryder

ANNUAL REPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS 1989 BAPTIST FOUNDATION

"Strengthening for Greater Service" had special meaning for the trust agency of the Convention during the past year. Noting the progress made during its 69-year history in undergirding the financial support for the Convention, its churches, institutions, and mission causes, the Foundation recommitted itself to greater service to these causes.

With concern that it performs its mission efficiently and that it involves more Baptists effectively in supporting the cause of Christ, the Foundation carefully embarked upon a capital campaign to secure funds for the construction of its own building to house its development and administrative offices.

Since its staffing in the early 1950s, space for the Foundation has been provided in the Baptist Building. With the consistent rapid growth in assets managed and services provided by the Foundation, the current space has become inadequate to properly perform the on-going work of the agency. We are pleased to report that the majority of the funds necessary to construct the new building have been secured. The new building will be erected beside the Baptist Building in Cary and we are hopeful that it will be ready for occupancy by the end of this year.

In engaging in this project, it has been of utmost importance to our Board of Directors and Staff that the on-going responsibilities of the Foundation not be neglected during the campaign. Indeed, the need for increased financial support for Baptist institutions, missions, and other ministries has not diminished, and has remained our first priority. It is essential that more individual Baptists become aware

of the possibility of sharing the message of Christ beyond their lifetime. Seeking to fill this role, the Baptist Foundation is the only entity which receives endowment gifts for any and every Baptist cause. Through trust and endowment funds established by individuals, churches, and associations, the principal is invested and income is paid regularly and perpetually to the cause or causes named by the donor.

Total assets of the Foundation is now approaching \$17 million, of which \$3.8 million was added in 1988 alone, making this the greatest year of growth in the Foundation's history. Last year, \$1,258,775 was paid to Baptist work and to individuals designated in charitable remainder-type trusts. This latter agreement provides for income to be paid to the donor (or other individuals) for a specific period of time and then to charitable causes thereafter. Through this method of making gifts to Christian causes, the donor is assured that heirs are not neglected and that Christian causes will eventually benefit from the estate.

We are continually grateful for the support of Baptists across the state who support the mission and ministry of the Foundation. We welcome the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Luttrell

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

1989: IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

This marks the 38th year of ministry by the Baptist Retirement Homes to the Baptist Older Adults of this State.

Charged in 1951 with the mission of providing residential care for "Aged Saints," the Homes provide care for Older Adults in five locations across the state (Albemarle, Asheville, Hamilton, Winston-Salem, and Yanceyville).

A new continuing care retirement community, Brookridge, located in Winston-Salem will open for operation in the fall of 1989.

Recognizing the growing need for quality residential care for Older Adults, the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Homes has formulated a three-pronged long-range plan to meet this need:

- To work with churches and associations in the development of regional continuing-care retirement communities in the West, the Piedmont, and the East.
- To work with churches and associations in the development of "free-standing" residential housing (independent-living units, assisted-living units, and nursing-care units).
- To work with churches and associations in the development of alternative forms of residential care for Older Adults (Respite Care, Adult Day Care, and Home Health Care).

One of the greatest challenges North Carolina Baptists face as they move into the 21st century is the question of how residential-living situations for Baptist Older Adults are to be provided.

With the support of North Carolina Baptists, the Retirement Homes sees this challenge as a wonderful opportunity for ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Mamie Craig

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Our associational VBS Clinic was held at Boone Fork Baptist Church May 7 with 5 churches represented with a total attendance of 44.

Of the 6 churches that reported having Vacation Bible School, 2 professions of faith were reported.

We have 7 very good team members that are willing to help you with your Vacation Bible School:

Norma Crowder — Middle Preschool

Donna Triplett — Older Preschool

Mary Greene — Younger Children

Sandra Church — Middle Children

Edwana Smith — Older Children

Mamie Craig — Youth

Edith Gryder — Adults

If 1 or any of the team leaders can help you with planning your Vacation Bible School, let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara West, VBS Director

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Baptist State Convention	\$4,585.30
Boone Fork	410.00
Doe Ridge	326.00
Laytown	315.00
Long Ridge	600.00
Mt. Ephriam	600.00
Rock Spring	898.03
Sandy Flat	1,440.13
Friends	320.00
Minutes	235.00
	\$9,729.46

PAID OUT	
Director of Missions Salary	4,122.00
Annuity	624.00
Travel	1,239.02
Federal taxes	360.00
N.C. Taxes	100.95
S.S. Taxes	773.70
Convention expenses	298.85
	<u>\$7,518.52</u>

ASSOCIATED EXPENSES	
VBS Literature	121.69
Minutes	420.00
Supplies	31.20
PO Box Rent	10.00
Postage	10.00
Clerk	250.00
Treasurer	250.00
	<u>\$ 1,092.89</u>
Grand Total	\$8,611.41

STATE MISSIONS — CHANGING LIVES

North Carolina is a mission field. So often we think only of foreign missions but there are many missions in our own state.

Our goal this year is \$1,800,000. We have 3,500 churches in the state. We know some can only give a small amount but add that together and we can do wonders toward the goal.

Pray for Tom Lolly who is the area missionary for the Western area. Others in the state are Larry McClure, Victor Cole and Jerry Richards.

State Missions offerings help to support the following organizations: Christian Higher Education, Fruitland Bible Institute, Missions Ministries, N.C. Baptist Men, W.M.U. (Heck Jones), Caswell Capital Funds, associational projects,, Caswell debt retirement and the Christian Action League. Also, new churches are begun across the state. One was the First Baptist Church for the Deaf in Hickory, N.C. which is made up of mostly deaf members. During the services they sing, preach, pray and talk in sign language. The pastor is Jessee Bowman who is a hearing person. He hopes that one day they will have a deaf pastor. Money given to the State Missions offering helped start this church.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosetta Hollifield

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

Your prayers, gifts and missionaries helped make possible these advances:

- About four new churches were begun every day.
- 197,863 people were baptized, a rate of almost 541 a day.
- 10,800 Southern Baptist volunteers reinforced missions work in 74 of the countries where we work.
- A record \$10.9 million of your gifts were spent for overseas relief and world hunger.
- 3,867 missionaries you supported worked in 113 countries.
- 26,952 overseas Baptists enrolled in formal ministerial training, up 21 percent over 1987.
- Work began with 22 new people groups (people who share a common language and social and economic backgrounds) in 15 countries.

1988 FOREIGN MISSIONS FINANCES

How you gave for foreign missions — Income

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	43.5%
Cooperative Program	40.9%
Investment income	4.6%
Other	5.9%
Hunger and relief funds	5.1%

How your gifts were spent — Expenditures

Overseas	88.4%
Missionary support	59.3%
Field work	15.6%
Capital	7.3%
Hunger and relief	6.2%
Home office administration and promotion	11.6%

How effective are our missionaries' efforts in evangelism? Look at the "Highlights" on baptisms and new churches. Missionaries and national Baptists together are reaching out. Overseas in 1988, an average of one person was baptized for every 10.6 members of Baptist churches to which we relate. In the United States, it took an average of nearly 43 Southern Baptists to produce one baptism.

Personal witness always has been foremost for your missionaries, regardless of other assignments. Today's strategic emphasis on witnessing is not new—it's just being put in specific terms. This is to encourage missionaries to re-examine their schedule priorities in order to speed the gospel's advance.

With such emphasis on evangelism, do we help victims of hunger and disasters overseas? In 1988 we did more than ever before. Your Foreign Mission Board approved \$10.9 million (a record for one year) for 245 separate hunger and relief projects (also a record) in 50 different countries (another record). Our model remains the ministry of Jesus: compassion for the whole person, including spiritual and physical needs.

Are our requirements for missionary appointment too demanding? To be good stewards of limited resources, board trustees and staff must seek the individuals best prepared for needed tasks overseas. Trustees and staff carry out this role on behalf of the churches by careful examination. Next, a person's training, experience and gifts must match specific field requests.

For comparison, consider how your church calls a pastor. It assigns trusted members to seek the right person, under God's guidance, to recommend for group approval. This may mean someone who feels led to your church will not be called.

This same principle applies to approval for foreign missions. As a result, some capable individuals drawn to missions may fulfill their ministries in other ways than as career missionaries. This does not mean they are unqualified—just that all factors did not coincide for overseas service.

Has unrest in the convention affected foreign missions? There has been some apparent fallout. Continuing uncertainty has drawn the attention of some away from what always has been Southern Baptists' main focus—missions. And the trust level within the convention seem to have eroded, sometimes fueled by unfounded rumors. Without mutual trust, churches cannot cooperate fully in a common purpose. A drop in financial support for missions can have many causes, but these two factors may have led some to reduce or redirect their giving.

Respectfully submitted
Scott Church

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS

Broughton Hospital, serving the mentally ill in the 35 Western North Carolina counties, admitted about 2400 patients last year (1988). Almost half had no income or resources. With such needs, there are a number of available opportunities to help these patients and assist in other needs. You can make a difference through:

PATIENT SPONSORSHIP — \$5.00 or more per month, assist a patient with personal needs and spending money.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS — Preparations begin in late summer for results to provide each patient with gifts for Christmas. There is an available brochure listing a variety of needed items or, if you prefer to give money for gifts, this is quite acceptable. Checks may be made to Broughton Hospital and indicate somewhere on the check for Cheer Fund. There's a great need for men's items, since we have more men than women. Shaving cream, cologne, deodorant, belts, suspenders, handkerchiefs, shirts, pants, socks, underwear and sweaters are continual needs.

CHEER FUND — For ongoing financial help to patient and ward needs. Checks can be made to Broughton Hospital and indicate somewhere on the check for Cheer Fund.

COMMUNITY CULTURAL EVENTS — Music programs, dramas, circus and other type community activities or entertainment you may wish to sponsor for a group of patients. Arrangements through Volunteer Services, telephone 433-2331.

OUTINGS — Meal and/or entertainment for a group of patients by a church, civic or social group. Arrangements through Volunteer Services (704-433-2331).

WARD AND OTHER NEEDS — Permanent flowers, greenery, containers and baskets for arrangements, styrofoam, live plants, pictures (preferable without glass, but could use some glass), lamps, small tables (occasional types, coffee, end, corner, round), wall hangings, drapery and curtain material, sofas and chairs (new or used), rocking chairs, footstools, books (paperback and other).

WARD VISITATION — Patients enjoy visits from individuals or groups who may wish to provide entertainment, program and/or share refreshments. Arrangements through Volunteer Services 704-433-2331.

CONTINUAL NEEDS — Table games, cards, picture puzzles, craft supplies, paint by number crafts, needlework kits and any other creative type materials or supplies.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Many opportunities to share time with others. Contact Volunteer Services (704-433-2331). Also needs for those who would just mail a card now and then to some individual who has no family.

SPECIAL NEEDS — There are special needs from time to time, as pavement for a Youth activity area, a van with a lift to enhance the quality of life for Geriatrics, and always books. The needs are truly great, but the laborers are few. Broughton Hospital patient needs are a worthwhile mission project.

Would you become involved? Share with a mentally handicapped person. Any checks would be made to Broughton Hospital and indicate somewhere on the check the purpose (as Cheer Fund, patient sponsorship or any other). Mail the check to Broughton Hospital, Volunteer Services, 1000 S. Sterling St., Morganton, NC 28655.

Receipts are given for checks and monies. All needs, donations and contributions are acknowledged by letter.

Project arrangements and questions may be directed by mail to the above address or by telephone (704-433-2331). Please feel free to contact us.

Bettie C. Hooks, Coordinator
Volunteer Services

PROCEEDINGS FOR AFTERNOON:

1:10 Song "I Love Somebody"

1:15 Devotion — Burl Jones — Matt. 5:1-16

Our responsibility is to work together as Southern Baptist, to let our lights shine — each one of us letting God shine through us.

1:25 Christian Higher Education

Robert T. Parsons, Jr. from Gardner-Webb spoke to this report.

Baptist Men are constructing a new observatory at Gardner-Webb.

Scripture Psalm 19:1-2

For the second year in a row we have a record enrollment. The student body building is going to have to be renovated. The biography of Forrest Freezor will be published this spring and all proceeds will go to the scholarship fund for Christian Service students.

Life Long Seminars for pastors is beginning in Sept. The subject will be Key Elements in Building an Effective ministry.

1:45 Baptist Foundation

1:50 Retirement Homes

1:55 Vacation Bible School

2:00 Finance Report

2:05 State Missions

2:10 Foreign Missions

2:15 Broughton Hospital Volunteers — Betty Hooks presented this special report to the association.

In 1883 Broughton Hospital opened for the first patient for treatment of mental illness. We serve 35 counties in the Western part of the state and part of the Piedmont counties. Most patients stay an average of 90 days. Forty-seven percent of 2,400 patients in a year do not have any resources. The state meets their immediate needs. But they have many other special needs that cannot be met. Some patients never have a visitor. Things are needed to improve the appearance of the wards to make them more like home.

2:30 Prayer

Adjourned

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The second day of the annual meeting was called to order by the moderator. The congregation sang "Lily of the Valley" led by Charles Smith. Mace Johnson conducted the devotion from John 20:19-21. Scars on the Savior. Eleven times the Lord appeared to different ones before He ascended for the last time. Only 5 things in Heaven were made by us — the scars in His hands, feet and side. These scars are: 1. Convincing. 2. Comforting. 3. Challenging. The scars on the Savior say to me that when our sins were placed upon Him, He had to suffer and die but when his righteousness is placed upon us we get to live forever.

The following reports were presented and moved for adoption and approved.

TEMPERANCE & MORALS

Charles Smith gave this report. John 3:16-21 — The morals in America are going down because we don't care about our brothers and sisters. We have to give ourselves to make an impact on the world. When we stand before God there will be no excuses.

Captain Dave Mastin, of Wilke's County Sheriff's Dept. spoke to this report.

One problem is lack of self-respect. Be proud of who you are — not puffed up proud — but have pride in who you are. Love thy neighbor as thyself. If you don't love yourself you can't love your neighbor. In this country we re obsessed with our rights.

Some things to start with to change our morals — use your right to vote. Politicians listen to voters — those talking. The silent majority should no longer be silent. We don't want alcohol, drugs and violence in our communities. Get together in groups as decent people saying "enough, stop". We need people to realize there is a price to pay for doing wrong.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE 1989 REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

When the 1989 Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina convened on January 22, the first bills to be introduced were three lottery proposals: one in the Senate and two in the House.

Such gambling legislation has become an annual event for the last six years. However, the pressure for establishing a state-wide lottery has been stronger this time around due to two factors: 1. Virginia has started a lottery; and, 2. Revenues are very tight, and legislators are looking for money to grant state employees and school teachers a pay raise.

When this article was prepared on July 17, all three lottery bills were still in committee.

However, Senator Kenneth Royall of Durham, the introducer of Senate Bill 4, has announced that in the closing days of the legislature that he will begin a push for his lottery bill. Many close legislative observers believe that he has the votes to get it out of the Senate, but there remains strong opposition in the House.

A lot of prayer, time and energy has been exerted in the current legislative session to defeat any gambling legislation; to prevent any erosion of our liquor laws; and to support efforts to strengthen our drunk driving statutes.

A Legislative Study Committee and the Governor's Highway Safety Committee held hearings throughout the state in the past year to get citizen input on ways to make our highways safer. As a result of these sessions, a Safe Roads Study proposal was introduced that consisted of the following features: 1. lower the breathalyzer threshold from .10 to .08 for motor vehicles; 2. ban open containers of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles; 3. increase fines for drunk driving; and 4. establish a .04 standard for operators of commercial vehicles (bus and truck drivers). The House passed the bill, but its existence now depends upon the action of a House-Senate conference committee.

Yet, with such a busy legislative agenda, the League has assisted in numerous liquor elections across the state.

We are hearing a lot of voices talking about declaring WAR ON DRUGS. U. S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has given our nation some words of wisdom: "It isn't ginger ale we're talking about. It's ALCOHOL, the most widely abused drug. In the alleged war on drugs, alcohol enjoys a battlefield exemption. The United States will one day have to choose between alcohol and health . . . because we can't have them together."

Yet, the pulpits of America have become silent in so many of our churches concerning this No. 1 addictive drug. May this condemnation not be laid on the steps of the churches of your association.

The Christian Action League stands ready to join with you in the ministry of Applied Christianity as we confront the moral and social evils of today's world.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Smith

CHURCH TRAINING

Church Training "M" Night Program was held at Sandy Flat Church on Oct. 23, 1988. There were 58 people in attendance, 2 Church Training Directors and 9 preachers.

An Associational Team went to Ridgecrest for a training session in November.

I also attended a training session at First Baptist Church in Boone in February of this year.

There are presently 2 churches in the Stony Fork Assoc. with on-going Church Training programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Craig

Charles spoke to this report. The Bible is the book we will be judged by, not man-produced books and the Bible tells us to teach and train, especially our young people. Choose today whom you are going to serve. We have the choice — follow God or hear him say "you are not one of mine". We are satisfied to come in and go out of church but do no more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Scripture — Matthew 9:37-38

Vs. 31: Then saith He unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

V. 32: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

We still have one year left to reach the goals set in Challenge 10-90. We still need to gather the people in. We must set goals for each and every Sunday School Class. We should set a goal of 10% or 10 new members for each class.

Sunday School leaders set the date for Sunday School Preparation Week for Sept. 24 through Oct. 1, 1989 or a date that will fit your church schedule. The theme is "Share Hope, Reach 10".

We attended the Assist Training Institute on Feb. 11 in Asheville, NC. We then held a 1 day workshop at Sandy Flat on June 10, 1989 for Sunday School teachers. The book "Understanding the People We Teach", was taught by Mrs. Leon Silver.

We still need to fill vacancies on our basic assisteam. Let's all go to work, let us reach the goals set for Challenge 10-90.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Silver

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Recent years have seen our Association grow in strength and in service. We have seen some good ideas grow into great results as we work together to nurture

the individual churches and thereby nurture the body of the Association as a whole.

Special recognition must go the W.M.U. for their fund raising efforts to enable us to send a missionary to Brazil. This effort has shown us that we do indeed have the ability to work together using the talents and resources at hand to do the Lord's work. Thanks for a job well done.

As encouraging as this years work has been, we must face the fact that Stony Fork Baptist Association is approaching a crucial time in its history. For some years now we have operated using the funds made available to us by the North Carolina Baptist Convention. These funds have allowed us to get a taste of what a cooperative association of Baptist churches can do. However, as most of us know, these funds will start decreasing in 1990.

We have arrived at a time when our churches must decide if we feel strongly enough about the work of the association to support the work with our own money. Could it be that we find it easy enough to sing the praises of the cooperation in doing the Lord's work as long as we can do so without having to sacrifice for His work. I TRUST THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

To continue to grow as an association we must have additional support from the churches. It is as simple as that. Those of us attending the annual meeting face the undesirable task of returning to our churches with the message that the Stony Fork Association must have their prayers and their financial support if it is to continue as an effective tool in the Lord's work.

We face a time of testing. It is not a time of despair. We are challenged but not discouraged. The certain knowledge that we are doing the work of the Lord empowers us to find a way. We will meet the challenge because we must.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gryder

ANNUAL MESSAGE

Carter Moretz — Ephs. 3:13-16

The Family of God. Of all the things we celebrate, we as God's people have three things to celebrate that no other people on earth have. 1. We celebrate 2 birthdays — natural which is a time of rejoicing in the family and second into the family of God which causes rejoicing in Heaven. There are things that God can do that parents cannot. 2. We are adopted into the Family of God and have the right to call God "abba" or father. We have been hand-picked by the master. 3. We have an engagement to become the bride of Christ — and when the engagement is over He will take us to the Father. We have been white washed and not washed white. If we are to become his bride we are to be faithful to Him as we should be faithful to the spouse God gave us. Rev. 19:6-9 says the Lamb is coming and the wife hath made herself ready. We will be made a beautiful people as the bride. Let's celebrate today because we are a part of the Family of God.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

Roy Gryder — There has been much discussion about the name change of Wingate College. This has been referred to the State Convention. I am on the Communica-

tions Committee and we are to insure that proper information is given to the press in every matter. There is a power struggle in the SBC between moderates and conservatives and these names do not really represent what they stand for. Be very cautious in the way you look at them. The fall meeting is Sept. 24 and 25th at Camp Caswell.

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

Burl Jones — I'm really learning about my job as Director of Missions. I will always be there to encourage and support you in any way I can. I am trying to serve the Lord and all of you and our pastors. We can do anything we want to in the association and can become self-supporting.

RESOLUTIONS

Let it be resolved that the Stony Fork Association expresses its appreciation and thanks to Long Ridge and Mt. Ephraim Baptist Churches for their hospitality and delicious food.

We also appreciate the wonderful Christian fellowship and the excellent reports and speakers we have had.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Woods

OBITUARIES

Doe Ridge Virgie Luncford, Glenn Philipps
Mt. Ephraim Turner Miller, Graham Triplett, Gary Triplett
Rock Spring Irene Dula, Charlotte Dawson, Hobart Hendrix
Sandy Flat Olin Shore

We also acknowledge the passing of Rev. Theo Hendrix, who was a part of our association for many years.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

After more than 150 years as the Baptist paper serving North Carolina Baptists in particular and Southern Baptists in general, the *Biblical Recorder* is launching a new era of service and ministry for the decade of the '90s and the 21st Century.

We have just completed a year-long readership survey at substantial cost and investment of time and energy, but we believe it is going to be helpful in charting the course for future service to our family of faith.

Baptists must have a single source of news and information upon which to make decisions and evaluate ministries. The *Recorder* is that source; nothing else

matches the paper as a single resource of news, information, inspiration and challenge in our mission efforts together.

Competition for reading time is keen. Baptists are facing more and more demands upon their time and resources. The *Recorder* is never a luxury; it is a necessity if we are to work together in the complex and demanding age.

We have exciting plans for the future. More feature articles about North Carolinians, more articles geared to youth, family and women. An even greater focus on laypersons will continue after the beginning we made in 1988.

And we are trying to work out the mechanics of church pages whereby we can save churches time, money and staff work by offering them a page in the *Recorder* in lieu of their weekly newsletter. Watch for more details in the *Recorder* in the near future concerning this time and money-saving device for the churches (and associations).

We have a large readership now but we want more — that is the purpose of the paper. We serve hundreds of thousands of Baptists but we want to serve even more. More than 60 percent of our news is from North Carolina now, but we want a higher percentage soon!

The most important thing facing us at this point is to get the paper into more Baptist homes than ever before. Will you help us? Not only subscribe to and read the *Recorder* yourself but please speak a good word for the paper and urge others to subscribe and read it also. For more information on rates and special plans for subscribing, contact:

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER
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Raleigh, NC 27609
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This report was not read at the annual meeting.

ANNUITY BOARD REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1989

The Annuity Board continues to blaze trails in its effort to "serve those who serve the Lord". The effort put into planning and promoting the Expanded Church Annuity Plan continues to bear amazing results which will multiply manifold down through the years. Goals set by the Annuity Board trustees for 1989 include:

- Developing a long term care plan suitable to Southern Baptist ministers and their families;

- Working through the Church Alliance to provide an approved IRA or to restore the tax deductible option of the Voluntary Annuity Plan;

- Providing more choices for ministers seeking to meet the needs for family insurance protection;

- Continuing to work hard to control health care costs;

- Developing materials on financial planning;

- Continuing to make churches and ministers aware of retirement and insurance plans.

Significant progress has occurred in meeting many of these goals. A new and vastly improved insurance program is being offered under the name ChurchLife. There will be four plans from which to choose. In addition to other improvements

there has been an increase in the amounts of insurance that can be carried out in retirement.

It is astounding to see the growth of the Annuity Board and its ministry to ministers across the Southern Baptist Convention. There were, at the end of March 1989, 19,972 annuitants who received \$20,246,625. There were 472 recipients of Adopt-An-Annuitant grants, totaling \$67,775, and 409 monthly relief grants and 180 monthly expense grants, receiving a total of \$142,914. The AB assets at the end of March were \$2,460,709,118, most of which belongs to Southern Baptist ministers who participate in the retirement plans.

Efforts continue to be made which will help churches and ministers have a plan for retirement. Each church is encouraged to be a responsible employer and to make every effort to see that ministers participate by providing its contribution to the plan for those who serve the Lord in that church. It should be a condition of calling, both for the church and the minister, that the minister be covered. It is protection — both for the church and the minister.

This is what is happening in North Carolina:

- There have been 27 new members enrolled in the retirement plans during the period April 1-June 30.
- There have been 61 plan upgrades during this period.
- There are now 2162 North Carolina churches and associations contributing to retirement plans.
- North Carolina has 1892 signed Cooperative Agreements! More than any other state!
- The number of churches participating at the old Plan A level of \$33.34 has *decreased* from 439 to 92.
- The average annuitant in North Carolina receives \$249.96 a month, up from \$234 last year.
- North Carolina has 3,406 members making contributions to Annuity Board retirement plans.
- There are 1,764 annuitants receiving benefits each month in North Carolina — \$440,929.89 each month!

It is exciting to think about what has been done to help ministers retire with dignity. Strong efforts have been made to make all of our churches (and ministers) aware of the opportunities and the need to act on them.

But there is still so much to be done! Consider these facts:

- Only 64% of our churches are participating in our retirement plans — even after all these years of opportunity.
- Of this 64%, many do not actually make contributions. The minister does this on his own.
- Small contributions make the annuitant's benefits small:
In North Carolina
 - 184 receive less than \$50
 - 493 receive less than \$100
 - 1006 receive less than \$200
 - 1287 receive less than \$300
- We have 151 churches that have signed the Cooperative Agreement, but still make no contribution.
- We have 457 churches that are making contributions but still have not signed the Cooperative Agreement.

Suffice it is to say that there is a *great* challenge still before us to help ministers prepare for the future and to help churches be responsible employers.

Let's keep up the good work.

Jim Lambert, Administrative
Associate for Minister Support
Baptist State Convention of NC

This report not presented at annual meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING: Officers for coming year nominated and elected (see list at beginning of minutes).

Carter Moretz adjourned the 128th annual meeting of the Stony Fork Baptist Association of N.C.

Benediction

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephriam	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	J. F. Davis	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephriam	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephriam	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephriam	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson

1927 Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928 Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929 Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930 Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931 Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932 New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire
1933 Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935 Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936 Mt. Ephriam	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937 Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938 Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939 Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940 Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941 Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942 New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943 Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944 Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945 Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946 Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947 Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948 No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church.			
1949 Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950 Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951 New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952 Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953 East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954 Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Ouller
1955 Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956 Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957 Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958 Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959 New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960 Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961 Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962 Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963 Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964 Bailey's Camp Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
1965 Laurel Fork Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
1966 Longridge Mt. Paran	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
1967 Mt. Vernon New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1968 Rock Springs Sandy Flat	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
1969 Baileys Camp Boones Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1970 Laurel Fork Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
1971 Laytown Longridge	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Rayner Matheson
1972 Mt. Ephriam Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Lewis Hodge
1973 Mt. Vernon New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Herring Crisp
1974 Rock Springs Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
1975 Yellow Hill Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1976 Boones Fork Doe Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Turbyfill
1977 Laurel Fork Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Sherrill Welborn
			Gurney Robbins
			A. C. Moody
			Everette Watson
			Sherrill Welborn
			Merle Johnson
			Dale Milstead
			Dean Hodges
			Max West
			A. C. Moody
			Lloyd Holman
			Raymond Hendrix
			Max West

1978 Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1979 Mount Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
1979 Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980 Mount Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1980 New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1981 Rock Spring	Max West	Barbara West	Cannon Ward
1981 Sandy Flat	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1982 Watauga	Max West	Barbara West	Jack White
1982 Bailey Camp	Max West	Barbara West	Cecil Gragg
1983 Boone Fork	Jack White	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1983 Doe Ridge	Jack White	Barbara West	J.R. Robbins
1984 Laurel Fork	Jack White	Linda Mills	Jack White
Laytown	Jack White	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1985 Long Ridge	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Mount Ephriam	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1986 Rock Spring	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Sandy Flat	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Max West
1987 Bailey Camp	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Greg Mathis
1987 Boone Fork	Jr. Robbins	Linda Mills	Everett Little
1988 Doe Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Kenneth Ridings
1988 Laytown	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz
1989 Long Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Alex Booth
1989 Mt. Ephriam	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.

STONY FORK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Tables

Table A—Church Membership and Other Information

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Table B—Sunday School

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Table C—Church Training

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Table D--Music Ministry

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Table E—Woman's Missionary Union

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION				YEAR ENDING	July	1989	99	100
Association		Stony Fork		(Month & Day)				
State		North Carolina						
Associational WMU Director		Eunice Luttrell, Rt. 1, Box 650, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605						
Address		City	State	Zip				
CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)				Mission Friends (15 years and under—not in school)	Girls in action (6-11 years or older)		
Boone Fork	Rosetta Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 597, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605				0	0		
Laytown	Edwana Smith, Rt. 5, Box 327, Lenoir, N.C. 28645				0	0		
Long Ridge	Norma Crowder, Rt. 2, Newland, N.C. 28657				0	0		
Rock Spring	Linda Church, Rt., Box 120, Purtlear, N.C. 28665				1	1		
Sandy Flat	Barbara West, Rt. 1, Box 539, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605				0	0		
	TOTALS				1	1		
BSSB - 1297 (Rev. 1-89)					TOTALS			
					PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS			

Table F—Brotherhood

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD				YEAR ENDING	July 31	1989	114
Association		Stony Fork		(Month & Day)			
State		North Carolina					
Associational Brotherhood Director		Dennis Oakes					
Address		City	State	Zip			
CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)				Lads (6-5 years or grades 1-3)		
Rock Spring	Dennis Oakes				0		
BSSB - 1297 (Rev. 1-89)					TOTALS		
					PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113
Number of Organizations					Enrollment							
Acteans (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Mission(s) of church	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under – not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Acteans (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Mission(s) of church	Total ongoing WMU enrollment
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	6
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	2	0	8
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	9
1	0	1	0	4	5	3	4	0	12	5	0	29
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	8
1	0	5	0	8	5	3	4	1	32	15	0	60

115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123
Crusaders (9-11 years or grades 4-6)	Pioneers (12-14 years or grades 7-9)	RA director and committee	High school Baptist Young Men enrollment	Baptist Young Men enrollment	Baptist Men enrollment	Brotherhood director and other general Brotherhood Officers	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Brotherhood enrollment
6	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	9

Table G—Total Receipts, Local Expenditures & Stewardship

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Table H—Mission Expenditures

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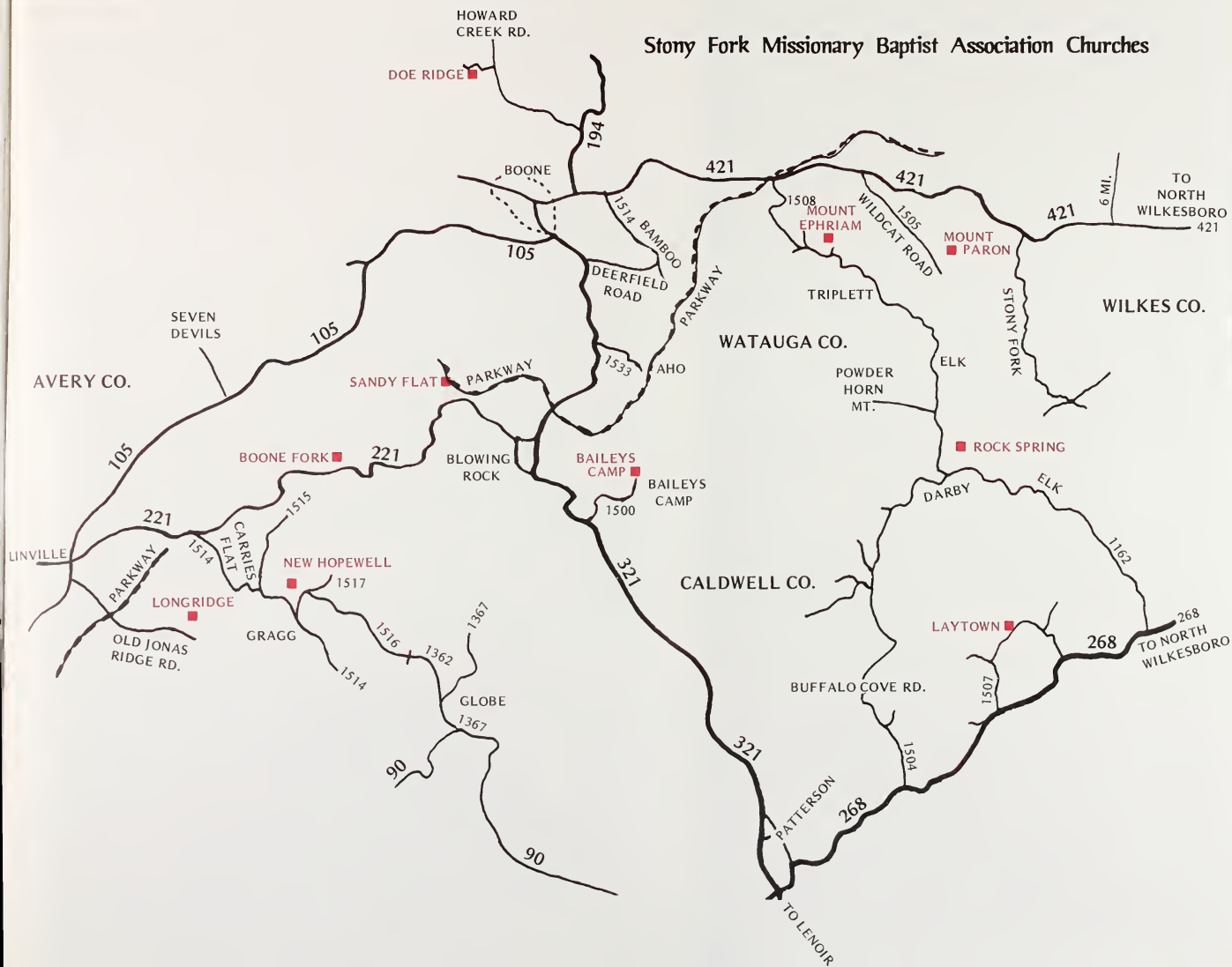
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Table I—Special Information

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Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association Churches



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